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Mysterious car-train case — State police charge local cook, 23, with murder

Maine State Police have arrested and charged Agostino Samson, 23, a cook working in the Bethel area, with murder in connection to the death of Scott Libby, 25 of Raymond, Maine Deputy Attorney General William Stokes said Wednesday.

Libby's compact Chevrolet Cobalt was hit by a train shortly before 3 a.m. Friday, Feb. 20. Damage to the car, however, was minimal but rescue workers reported Libby's body being covered in blood.

According to an official with St. Lawrence and Atlantic Railroad, the car was parked about 200 feet west of the railroad's crossing with Barker Road in West Bethel.

The railroad executive said the car was not running and had no lights on. Train crews saw the vehicle and attempted an emergency stop but still struck the car, moving it 850 feet along the tracks.

As reported in last week's Bethel Citizen, Agostino (who was not named in the article) had been staying at the Bethel Hostel, and told the manager that Libby had met him there the night he died, and during an altercation Agostino hit Libby at least twice in the head. He said, however, that Libby then left.

Check the Bethel Citizen website, bethelcitizen.com, for further updates.

Biz group blasts DEP's proposed new growth regs

By ALISON ALOISIO

"In these economic times, how sensible is this?" asked Darryl Brown of Main-Land Development Consultants.

Brown posed the question last week at a Bethel forum of developers, contractors and others who are worried about proposed changes to state land use laws and rules.

The gathering, which drew about 100 people, was organized by Main-Land and the Bethel Area Business Association.

The changes, proposed by the Maine Department of Environmental Protection, would tighten restrictions within the Site Location of Development Law.

The law governs medium and large-scale development, both commercial and residential.

Brown said stricter rules would "dramatically slow down, if not stop, major development in the state of Maine."

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Over the lake and through the woods



Saturday was a little blowy on the hill, but a fine day for snowmobiling and ice fishing. Here a couple head up from Lake Christopher to the lodge at the 4-H camp in Bryant Pond, headquarters for the WES Fifth Grade Ice Fishing Derby. The derby raised \$886 toward the class's annual trip to Boston, and Breaux's Too, which sold 23 pizzas to participants, kicked in another \$50. The class needs to raise a total of \$1,400 to pay for the trip, and a talent show is being considered.

(Photo: M. Daniels)

Beware these ides of March?

Leah's back, as 'Rosie,' expect riveting irreverence

By MICHAEL DANIELS

She promises it will be a one-night stand with three "strong, funny women."

Bethel native Leah Bonnema will be back in her hometown on Sunday March 15, performing with her three-women comedy review, "Rosie the Irreverent."

The group is on tour, with

other stops planned in Portland, Boston, Salisbury, Mass., and, finally in New York City, where Bonnema now makes her home.

Leah is the daughter of Garrett and Melody Bonnema of Bethel.

She graduated from Gould Academy in 1995, and went on to attend McGill University in

Montreal and the American Academy of Dramatic Arts in Manhattan.

She began her career in plays and on television, then focused on performing her own writing.

"And for the last four years I've been doing stand-up," Leah said.

She describes herself "as a

mouthy broad who loves ice cream and dogs."

Her dream, she said (on myspace), "is to be in an action movie where she has a sword and rides a horse."

Highlights of her past year include performing for the troops in Iraq, and also for the

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Newry OKs skatepark, and bridge replacement

By ALISON ALOISIO

The third time was a charm for Bethel skateboard park supporters' bid to persuade Newry to pony up a share of the cost.

At Monday's annual Town Meeting, voters approved \$5,000 toward the estimated \$94,000 proposal.

The warrant article was one of all 42 on the warrant that were approved at the meeting, attended by about 50 people.

A clearer plan

A volunteer committee has been fundraising for several years, to expand Bethel's modest skateboarding site, located at Davis Park.

Bethel Town Manager Scott Cole said this week there will be a funding request in the Bethel FY10 budget, though the amount has not yet been determined.

He said there is a good chance that the project could be built this summer.

But until this year Newry has been reluctant to join in the effort, questioning both the quality of the planning and the wisdom of funding a project in another town.

At the two previous annual Town Meetings, voters debated the request.

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W. Paris meets Saturday

By DWAYNE HAYES, Sun Wire

The annual Town Meeting will convene at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 7, in the gymnasium at the Agnes Gray School, where voters will consider a 48-article warrant.

First up: municipal elections. Voters will elect a selectman, assessor and overseer of the poor, a director for SADI7 and a director for the West Paris Water District. Each post is for three years.

Town Manager John White said the only person he is sure is running is Selectman Wade Rainey, chairman of the board.

Nominations are taken from

the floor of the meeting.

Voters will act on a municipal budget of \$1,000,000, which is \$29,632 less than this year.

"I have no objection to what the school assessment is going to be, and I expect to be up some from last year. When we have that done, we will have the money to come up with the school budget," White said.

Highway Department is making up 20 percent of the budget, administration is 12 percent, capital projects is 10 percent, and miscellaneous is 10 percent.

Spirits of the departed appear to linger at local B&B

By ALISON ALOISIO

A young female voice emanates from an empty room.

Footsteps are heard from another part of the house, but no one is there.

A black cat leaves the room through a solid wall.

During the 12 years that Fred Nolte and Sandra Frye have owned the Chapman Inn Bed & Breakfast on the Bethel

common, their guests have repeatedly related such stories over breakfast.

The incidents are frequent enough to prompt a description titled "Come Meet the Spirits" on the inn's website, along with a "Certified Haunted" designation for the house.

The home was built during the Civil War.

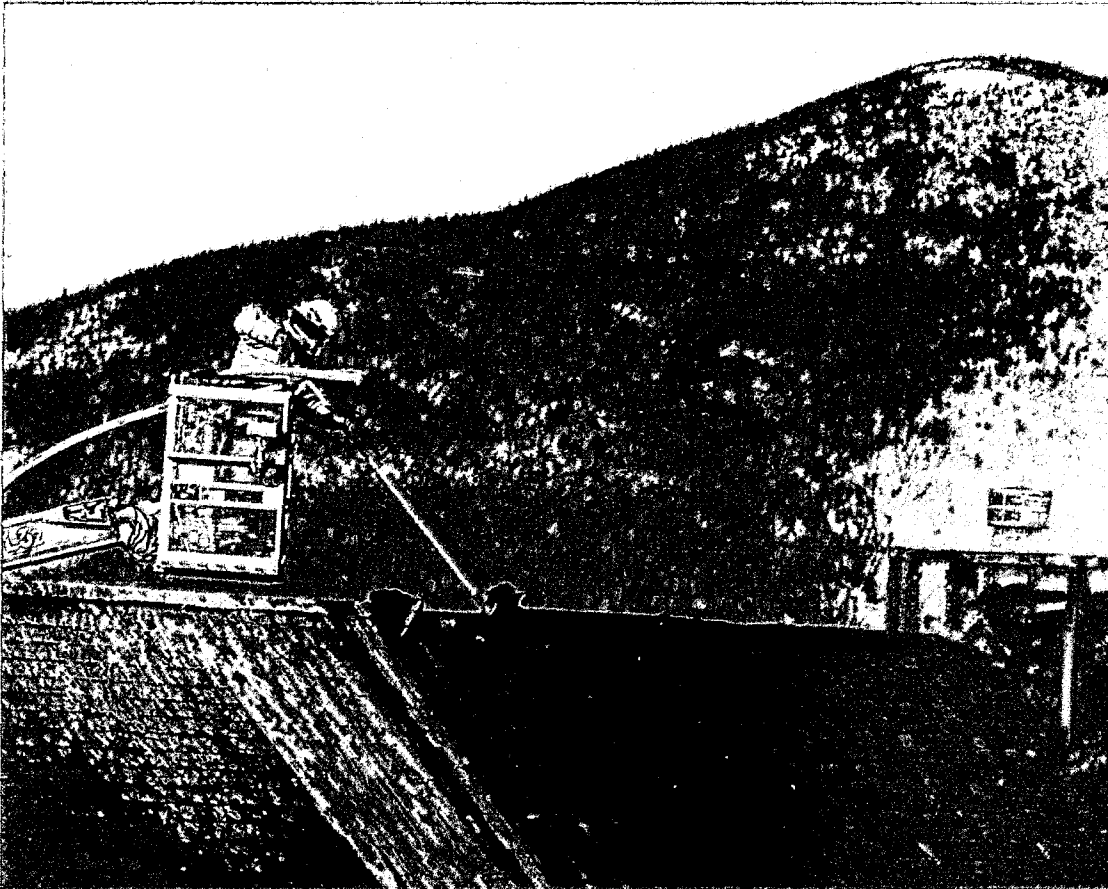
Regardless of whether the Chapman

does in fact host ghosts along with mere mortals, the innkeepers clearly enjoy the entertainment speculation provides.

The lady in Room 7

Most of the strange occurrences have happened, Fred said, in rooms 7 and 9. Room 7 is directly over the kitchen.

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DAMAGE CONTROL

A structure fire at a vacation home on Powder Ridge Road in Newry Tuesday afternoon started as a chimney fire. Area firefighters were able to stop the blaze from consuming the home, owned by Rafael Castro and Elizabeth Vasallo of Dedham, Mass. The \$466,000 hillside house received an estimated \$100,000 to \$150,000 in damage, according to Newry Assistant Chief Bruce Pierce. Pierce said a friend of the homeowner started a fire in the fireplace, but a problem with the insulated-metal chimney pipe allowed the fire to work its way into the woodwork. Here, Newry firefighter Ed Powers pulls shingles from the roof, making a hole to put a hose into the structure. Firefighters used between 5,000 and 7,000 gallons of water, fed by trucks from Newry, Bethel, and Woodstock. Also responding to the fire or covering at fire stations were Greenwood, Gil-lead and Andover departments. Med-Care Ambulance stood by at the fire. (Photo: A. Aloisio)

Don't forget to *Spring Ahead* this weekend
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Letters

MASON ST. SIDEWALK MEETING

To the Editor:
All are invited to attend next week's meeting of the Bethel Board of Selectmen, to be held at the town office on Monday, March 9 at 7 p.m. The proposition of constructing a sidewalk along Mason Street will be further discussed at that time.
To recap things, in 2007 the town was approved for \$96,460 in state funds, with a local match of \$38,000, for the purpose of constructing a sidewalk from Broad Street along Mason Street and Crescent Drive to the elementary school. Since approval, first a neighborhood committee and then an MDOT engineer separately analyzed the tradeoffs associated with locating the sidewalk on either side of the street, imposition of one-way traffic, effect of the sharp curve at Chapman/Mason, etc.
The town has now received the MDOT's report, and this report will be discussed Monday night. The town must make a decision this spring on whether or not to do the project, with the contingent sub-decision of exactly where to locate the sidewalk, and under what conditions. Beyond this Monday night, the matter will also be jointly discussed by the Selectmen and Budget Committee in the context of FY 10 budget review and determining the extent of local funding if the project moves forward.
Thank you for your interest. See you Monday.
Scott G. Cole, Bethel Town Manager

CRUEL, INHUMANE BEAR BILL

To the Editor:
I am writing with respect to LD241, a bill that if passed, will create an additional "open" spring hunting season for our black bears to supplement the three-month fall hunting season that already exists. "Open" means that bears may be baited, hunted by dogs, or trapped (Maine is the only state left in the country that still supports the gruesome practice of trapping). The proposed spring hunt would occur during the time that the bears are most vulnerable. Mothers with new cubs or yearlings will be just emerging from hibernation.
The Maine Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife states that most of the 3,500 bears taken each year are killed by baiting, a practice that involves leaving large amounts of food in one place, and once the animals are habituated to the area, they are shot by hunters who are perched in tree stands above the bait site. Bear researchers know that it is almost impossible to sex a bear, or to determine whether or not a bear is lactating (nursing a cub), unless the bear is standing up on two feet in a frontal position and can be identified at very close range. Bears that are baited feed on all fours, or by stretching themselves out on the ground. In the spring the mothers "tree" their cubs, and then leave the young for extended periods, while they forage for food at a time when the sows are hungry and natural foods are still scarce. The cubs will never be seen at a bait site.
Research by hunter/biologist Lyn Rogers (who has been studying the black bear for almost 40 years) states that "all orphaned cubs in the spring will die." According to Rogers, "when a mother is killed in the spring her cubs begin a slow death; they are killed by predators or die slowly and painfully from starvation. Cubs' mouths are still adapted for sucking... and their teeth are not yet developed enough to chew vegetation. Often the mothers (and yearlings) are being chased when they are still in a state of semi-hibernation."
It seems inconceivable to me that the Maine Department of Inland & Wildlife and the hunting community at large would support a bill that fails to protect the family groups of the animal it wants to continue to hunt. A refusal to protect the cubs, their mothers, and yearlings will, of course, eventually result in the destruction of the entire species of the black bear.
Furthermore, I believe that LD241 constitutes cruel and inhumane treatment of female black bears, their cubs, and yearlings and must not be passed into law. From an ethical standpoint this bill is a disgrace, and a discredit to all who support it.
Concerned citizens are urged to contact Sen. Bruce Bryant at (800) 423-6900 as soon as possible to protest the passage of this egregious bill, because LD241 may come up for a public hearing as early as March 6.
Sara P. Wright, Greenwood

JUNIOR CAREER EXPLORATION

To the Editor:
On March 20, 23, 24 and 25, approximately sixty-two Telstar juniors will be excused from school to participate in the annual Career Exploration program. This unique program enables students to contact, coordinate and job shadow employers of the SAD44 school district, Oxford County and worksites throughout Maine, New England, and the rest of the country.
Career exploration projects assess accomplishment of aspects of the Maine Learning Results. In the past many students have also found careers that interest them and thus influence their decisions about future courses, colleges, and training programs.
In the next several weeks students will be contacting businesses or individuals to arrange their career exploration experiences. If you know of a career exploration project students could do or have questions about our program, please call Telstar at 824-2136 ext. 311 or 345.
SAD44 and the Telstar Regional High School staff are grateful for area employers, businesses and individuals who take the time, interest and patience to help high school students have successful experiences in the community.
Lori A. Lindsay and Daniel O. Hart
Coordinators, Telstar Junior Career Exploration Program

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PROTECT OUR HILLSIDES AND RIDGELINES

To the Editor:
It was dismaying to read the 2/26 Citizen account of the Newry BOS meeting where objections were raised yet again to rules and regulations designed to protect essential qualities of area ridgelines and hillsides.
It is impossible to sympathize with those objections, especially now when our current economic circumstances demand that we preserve the essential area qualities that provide the basis for eventual economic recovery and long-term vitality.
Attendees at area business meetings constantly and properly stress the importance of our "Brand" which is firmly anchored in the unspoiled, unique landscapes and old-time charm of our villages.
The wisdom of protecting those qualities is validated in our daily conversations with visitors. It only takes a bit of driving around with our eyes open to recognize the difference between developers who design to protect and preserve those qualities, compared to those who could care less about them and would advance their wealth at the expense of the greater community.
We really need development in order to survive and prosper well into the future, but we need the responsible, conscientious kind of development that doesn't degrade the quality of place that makes it possible over the long run.
The rules and regulations now being challenged were designed to provide guidance in achieving that.
Every citizen, landowner and businessperson has a vested interest in supporting those controls in order to maximize our quality of life and to prevent further degradation and ultimate economic failure.
Seabury Lyon
Bethel

WINTERFEST 2010 PLANNING COMMITTEE

To the Editor:
The Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors is in the process of forming a WinterFest 2010 planning committee and we invite any interested businesses, community members, and organizations who would like to help to attend our first formal meeting on Monday, March 16, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at Rooster's Roadhouse, 159 Mayville Road (Route 2). Light refreshments will be available.
A few weeks ago, after our Bethel WinterFest 2009 Snow Sculpture event was done and cleaned up on the Bethel Common, a gentleman by the name of Louis Dugeau of Newry submitted a Letter to the Editor entitled "Need A Real Winter Carnival."
He suggested that an old-fashioned winter carnival should have "silly carnival events, outdoor bands, three-legged snowshoe races, beds fitted with skis that are raced down the Main Street, polar bear plunge, snow-person building contest, chili cook-off, dogsled races, warming huts, vendor tents and more."
After reading this letter, we attempted to find Mr. Dugeau's phone number to invite him to be on the planning committee! His idea is great, but a large-scale winter festival, as he is suggesting, takes a tremendous amount of organizational leadership, many months of planning, and broad participation by many individuals and groups from the community and surrounding area.
This is a task that far exceeds the limited resources of the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce alone. The Bethel area is fortunate to have a wealth of creative talent and many community organizations. If we start putting a plan in place now, and we have broad participation from school groups, businesses, community members, area nonprofits, and many individuals with a creative vision such as expressed by Mr. Dugeau, we can have a Real Winter Carnival in 2010!
We look forward to a great turnout at the Rooster's Roadhouse on Monday, March 16! Anyone with great ideas and the willingness to help is encouraged to attend. Let's make this a true community-wide event that we can improve upon year after year, starting in 2010. Please join us on Monday the 16th.
Darlene Ginsberg
President, Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors

DEP Regs

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I don't think any time is a good time for these changes to occur. But especially now. It blows my mind that a state agency would even consider these kinds of changes in the economic climate that we're in."
The proposed changes are so sweeping, others at the meeting said, that several existing large hillside subdivisions in this area would not have been possible had the rules already been in place.
Some of the rule changes proposed would limit road grades to 8 percent, and prevent disturbing the land on slopes over 20 percent. Clearing within 250 feet of ridgelines would be prohibited.
"Under these rules, you'd have no Peaks, no Merrill Hill, no Locke Mountain, no Timber Creek, no Powder Ridge," said developer Ron Savage. "Those subdivisions would be non-existent. You couldn't do it."
Also raising the ire of attendees were rule change proposals including:
1) A provision giving DEP the authority to consider a developer's "prior conduct" in reviewing permit applications. Previous violations resulting in enforcement actions could trigger a requirement that the developer show specifically how he will ensure the project will meet state environmental standards, such as by providing a third-party inspector.
2) A limit of 5,000 square feet for a residential lot building envelope. Main-Land presenters said such restrictions would result in a typical house size of 20x35, with a 20x20 garage and a 10x60 driveway.
3) A limit on large-scale, non-residential development to designated growth zones, urban compact zones, census designated areas or those areas served by public sewer systems. And if a residential development larger than 30 acres is proposed outside these zones, that development would be classified as a conservation subdivision, requiring the preservation of at least 55 percent of the land area.
4) Requirements to provide more vegetative buffers.
5) A requirement that proposed developments may not have an "unreasonable impact on a scenic resource." Presenters said the requirement was poorly defined.
The presenters praised some portions of the proposals, including clarification of existing rules and simplification of permits for minor modifications to projects.
Rick Savage said current DEP requirements are already so complex that developers and contractors have a hard time following them.
He said his lawyer had looked at a subdivision Savage was working on and commented on the difficulty in pinpointing lot locations within the rule requirements.
"My lawyer looked at it and said, 'I don't know how you figure it out at all,'" Savage said.
Transparency
Brown said that in addition to the proposed changes themselves, there had been a lack of transparency in the proposal process.
Public informational meetings that took place in Maine's cities were advertised "hardly at all," Brown said. "The word isn't being gotten out."
He also said there had been little explanation for the proposed changes.
The law-change portion of the proposals is expected to go before the Legislature during the current session, and Brown encouraged those interested to request and attend public hearings, as well as contact their legislators.
DEP response
James Cassida, DEP's licensing coordinator for the Bureau of Land & Water Quality, was asked to comment Tuesday on some of the concerns highlighted at the forum.
Regarding the purpose for the changes, Cassida said, "There is a clear connection between state and local decision making envisioned in the Site Law, and as municipal decision making in the form of local planning evolves, so too should the Site Location of Development Act. There is a reasonable need to routinely revisit the basis and requirements of land use law at the state and local level in order to ensure that Maine's quality of place and economy grow and improve together."
Regarding a developer's "prior conduct," Cassida said DEP might require a performance bond on a proposed project in a situation where prior conduct was a concern, but he expected such instances to be rare.
The limitation regarding disturbance of 20 percent slopes would prevent development, Cassida said, "where it is very difficult to stabilize roads and lots, both short term and long term. The concept was that developers would avoid placing structures such as roads and houses in the areas of greater than 20 percent grade, but could otherwise develop around these areas. We are currently looking at this standard closely to ensure that it does not unduly limit the ability of developments to occur in mountain regions."
Regarding the 8 percent grade limit on roads, Cassida said that the current rules state that road grades must be kept below 10 percent, except for short distances where grade may exceed 10 percent. "In the new rule we have added, the language 'unless otherwise approved by the department,' which, we believe, creates greater flexibility than the existing rule for developers."
Regarding the presenters' example of the 5,000-square-foot limit on a building envelope, Cassida said, "there is 3,300 square feet of development that can still occur beyond those structures. Therefore, it is misleading to say that with a 5,000-square-foot development window can only result in a house, garage and driveway of that size on a lot. The 5,000-square-foot limit on development windows is intended to encourage developments to limit the overall footprint within residential subdivisions. We are currently looking at this standard as well, to ensure that it does not unduly limit the ability of developments to occur in a reasonable manner."
As for the timing of the proposed changes, Cassida said, "the department is very interested in ensuring that conversations regarding development standards and requirements occur with the state of the local and national economy in mind. These are discussion draft proposals that are worthy of spirited and thoughtful debate. Good development done well is a valuable asset for the property owner as well as the Maine economy."
DEP web site
In early September 2008, a notice of the proposed changes appeared on the DEP website, saying that DEP was exploring statutory and rule changes "in consideration of current state, regional and national environmental initiatives," and "pertaining to broad issues such as climate change, smart growth incentives, and design criteria" as well as significant edits to current rules to clarify department policies.
Input from developers, contractors, consultants and planners was then encouraged in upcoming forums, planned for early October.

Our Back Pages

Compiled by Danna Brown Nickerson
10 years ago: A twelve-foot-thick ice jam blocked the main channel of the Sunday River, diverting the river to within 50 feet of a nearby house owned by Peter Kenney.

The Bethel Post Office reopened in its newly renovated space in the Naimey Block on Main Street.

Over 12 inches of new snow fell in the area accompanied by strong winds, which caused much drifting.

Births: Kellen John Allen True, Shannon Eileen Kostovick.

Deaths: Robert W. Farwell, Louise C. Wight, Frederick C. Noyes II.

20 years ago: Present and former Bethel Water District officials attended a commemoration of the centenary of the town's water system hosted by the Bethel Historical Society.

Bethel's Solid Waste Committee set out barrels for recycling clear, brown and green glass bottles at the Bethel landfill.

The remains of the former Woodstock School were burned under the close supervision of the Woodstock Fire Department.

Births: Brittany Paige Hinkle, Andrea Lynn Pivin.

Death: Freeman A. Stevens.

30 years ago: The Telstar Regional High School Varsity Club honored over 150 athletes at its Winter Sports Banquet.

Helen Morton's painting "Pond Lilies at Round Pond" was selected for inclusion in the Annual Show of Maine Artists at The Farnsworth Art Museum in Rockland.

Dorothy Morton was crowned Queen of the Pine-land Ski Club at a ball held at the Andover Town Hall.

Births: Kimberly Jean Brown, Crystal Denise Alyward.

Deaths: Hannah Graver Dock, Mrs. Pearl Sampson Spencer, Mrs. Ervena M. Littlehale, Mrs. Ruth E. Wilson, Harry W. Howe.

40 years ago: Ernest Angvine Skidoo Sales and Service on Main Street was robbed of a large sum of cash and checks.

Gould Academy razed the former Howard Bailey house on Elm Street and the former residence of Lester Coolidge, Jr. on Summer Street.

A section of the roof of the barn at the home of Gladys Gurney on Vernon Street collapsed under the weight of snow.

Births: Romeo James Orino III, Kelly Lynn Osgood.

Death: Phillip L. King.

50 years ago: The American Legion and the Bethel Fire Department sponsored a public game night to benefit the fire victims at Upton.

The voters of Norway appropriated \$1,750 to purchase a voting machine.

Gould Academy ski coach and history instructor Paul Kailey was appointed coach of the Eastern Junior Alpine team.

Births: Avis Joan Kennison, Diane Lynn Dunham.

60 years ago: Evans Wilson and Edmund Smith attended the Eastern States Exposition at Springfield, Mass.

The school survey committee reported there was a need of some definite change in the present program and facilities within the next two years.

Rehearsals had started on a comedy drama, "The Male Animal," to be presented by the Bethel Players-Lions Club.

Deaths: Harold H. Gammon, Roscoe A. Swan.

70 years ago: Bethel Budget Committee recommendations amounted to \$44,705.

Deaths: Mrs. Olive Jane Cummings, Columbus P. Kimball, Arthur E. Forbes, Mrs. Arthur E. Forbes, Mrs. Mary Caroline Goodnow.

100 years ago: Mr. and Mrs. Peter Wheeler were killed instantly on their way to Bethel Hill between West Bethel and Bethel Village when their sleigh was struck by the Portland-bound passenger train. The horse was unhurt and the sleigh heavily damaged. Mr. Wheeler was deaf and his wife was wearing a hood that obstructed her view.

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Rosie

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LEAH BONNEMA

US Marines at the legendary Friars Club in NYC.

She also headlined an event for Planned Parenthood in Michigan called "RoeVolution" and opened for the comedian Pat Cooper at the SOPAC Theatre in Orange, N.J.

Leah has been heard on Sirius and XM radio and won third place in New York City's Comedy Olympics, and was written up in StageTime Magazine's "Best of 2008."

She is also the creator of "Rosie the Irreverent," modeled on the factory worker of World War II fame.

Leah described Rosie's humor as "brazen," the sort of

comedic attitude once the domain of male performers such as Mort Sahl, Don Rickles, Lenny Bruce and Red Foxx.

But the current generation of female comedians did have forerunners, Leah said, including the likes of Mae West, Joan Rivers, Phyllis Diller and Carole Burnett.

The two comedians touring with Leah are Maggie Champagne and Jackie Monahan.

Local musician Jewel Clark will play and host Sunday's performance, which will be at the Bethel Inn Resort and Conference Center, at 7 p.m.

Tickets are \$10. For more information, call 824-2175.

Briefly

Race at Bethel Inn

BETHEL—A Corkscrew Chase will take place at the Bethel Nordic Ski Center at The Bethel Inn March 14 at 11 a.m. The Corkscrew Chase is a 15-kilometer mass start, pursuit race, with a 7.5 km. classic technique race in the morning, followed by 7.5 km. skate technique race in the afternoon. The race starts at the Bethel Nordic Ski Center and the route includes the Corkscrew Trail. Awards and refreshments will be at the Ski Center after the last finisher. A youth ski orienteering event will start at noon and includes distances for lollipop. An awards ceremony with snacks and drinks will be held at the Ski Center after the last finisher. Participants can register either online at www.skireg.com, or pick up a race form at the Ski Center. Race day sign-in and registrations will take place from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. Registrar desks will be at the Bethel Inn Nordic Ski Center. Entries received on or before March 10 are \$25 for an adult, \$6 for youth. Entries received after are \$30 per person, \$6 youth. For more information, go to www.caribourecreation.com, or call 824-6276.

... and on Mt. Washington

PINKHAM NOTCH, N.H. On Sunday March 8, 2009, Great Glen Trails will host Ski to the Clouds: North America's Toughest 10k presented by Maxiglide. The race features a climb of more than 2200 vertical feet over nearly 4 miles up the Mt. Washington Auto Road. In 2008, more than 70 racers, including Olympians and top college skiers, took on the challenge of Ski to the Clouds. Last year was also the first year of the race's new incarnation, which included 4k of racing on the trail system at Great Glen Trails before the climb up the Mt. Washington Auto Road. The 2009 race will be contested on the same 10-kilometer course making it the toughest 10k in North America. The race will finish at the site of the historic Halfway House on the Mt. Washington Auto Road, just below 4000 feet above sea level. Ski to the Clouds is true freestyle event: skiers can use either skating or classic technique in this mass start race. There will not be separate categories for each discipline.

Woodlot course offered

PARIS—A six-week course for woodlot owners will be held at the Oxford Hills High School (SAD17) in South Paris beginning on Tuesday, March 10 at 7 p.m. Among topics will be Tree ID, deeds and boundaries, timber harvesting, wildlife management, forestry taxes, forestry regulations, and working with a consulting forester. There is a \$20 dollar charge for the course. All materials will be supplied. The workshop is sponsored by the Maine Forest Service. For more information, contact Merle Ring, Maine Forest Service, 674-3787. To sign up, contact or visit the Adult Education office at the high school, 743-8842, Ext. 1.

January real estate sales down

SOUTH PORTLAND (February 25, 2009)—According to the Maine Real Estate Information System, Inc., Realtors sold 87 fewer homes last month than in January 2008, a 17.58 percent decline from January 2007. The statewide median sales price for an existing, single family home was \$152,250 in January, a decrease of 17.7 percent from one year ago. The median sales price indicates that half of the homes were sold for more and half sold for less. The National Association of Realtors recorded a 7.1 percent nationwide sales decline last month. The national median price for a single-family existing home declined 13.8 percent to \$169,900. In the regional Northeast, sales were down 23.8 percent while the regional median home price slid 14.7 percent to \$228,200.

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Newry

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This time around, the committee lowered the estimated cost by \$90,000 and Newry resident Jim Sysko drew up the plan. And at Monday's meeting, several residents made a regionalization argument.

"I was one of the ones who voted against it [in earlier years]," Sysko said. "I felt there wasn't enough planning, enough background information for us to approve it. But now I know they've done their homework. It will be a great benefit to the whole area."

When another resident wondered why Newry would invest in another town's project, Sysko replied, "the same reason we're in the school district in Bethel, I guess."

Selectman Steve Wight agreed. "I don't think we should look at it as a Bethel project. Bethel is the fiscal agent and is holding the bag on the insurance. It's really a regional operation."

Nancy Babcock, a member of the skate park committee, said youngsters from several towns use the current park.

She said Bethel has so far approved a total of \$16,000 toward the project, and another \$10,000 has been raised privately.

The vote was 21-11 to approve the funds.

Bridge work

Voters also approved \$170,000 to rebuild the Eames Bridge on the Branch Road, on the recommendation of the Department of Transportation.

A specific bridge plan was not approved. It will be determined by selectmen after further research.

Also discussed was the question of how to provide access

for residents of the dead-end road during the estimated two weeks of construction.

One engineering proposal called for a temporary bridge at a cost of \$50,000.

"Fifty-thousand dollars for a temporary bridge, we all agree, is ridiculous," said Selectman Chair Jim Largess. "There's got to be a better way."

Ideas offered Monday ranged from building a logging-style bridge to parking a fire truck on the road in case of fire and providing rental cars for the residents to park on one side of the bridge.

Townpeople did not settle on a solution, but selectmen said they welcomed more input at their upcoming regular meetings.

Also approved was \$20,000 for erosion control on the Bear River, and an estimated similar amount for the same work on the Sunday River.

An article to raise \$6,200 for maintenance of the Bear River Grange Hall was amended to \$12,000 to cover a new water pump. The old one broke recently.

The funds would also allow the pump to be located inside the building. It is currently outside.

The increase brought the total budget (not including school and county shares) to \$928,522, nearly equal to the amount expended in 2008.

Elections

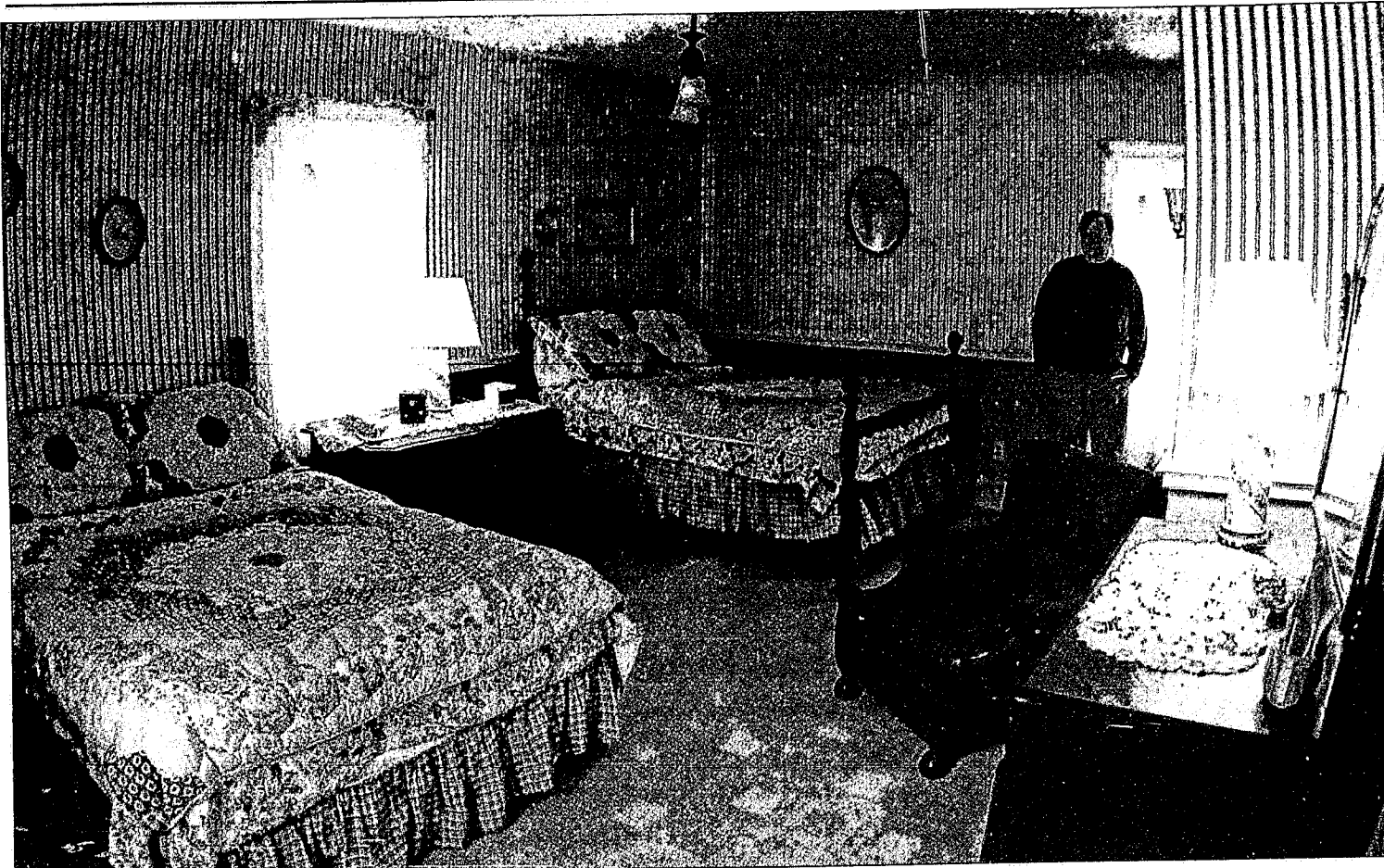
Jim Largess was re-elected to the Board of Selectmen for a three-year term and Alan Fleet to a one-year term as dog officer and constable.

Both ran unopposed.

The meeting, moderated by Les Otten, lasted approximately one and one-half hours.

Ghosts

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STRANGE GUESTS—Chapman Inn owner Fred Nolte in Room 7, where most of the inn's paranormal incidents have been reported.

(Photo: A. Aloisio)

and during the drafty days of the 19th and early 20th centuries, it was the warmest spot in the house.

As a result, it served as a nursing room, the one in which people most frequently entered—and exited—this world.

"That's where the most psychic activity takes place," said Fred.

Sandra described a Room 7 experience related by a guest.

"A lady got up in the night to use the bathroom. While she was there, a woman appeared in front of her," Sandra said.

The guest told her she was in the wrong room, but the stranger put her finger to her lips and said, "Shhhh."

"She then vanished through the wall," said Sandra.

The Noltes themselves have not witnessed "beings" firsthand, but they have noticed unusual occurrences such as indentations in what had been freshly-made beds, a rocking chair moving with no one around, items inexplicably being moved, doors open-

ing and closing by themselves and cold drafts during warm weather.

Sandra said bottles of perfume were particularly prone to move from room to room by themselves.

Even the Noltes' dog and cat (orange, not black) appear to get into the act, seemingly searching for beings that are not there.

Fred said he typically takes a scientific view of such things and is not caught up by them.

But, he said, he doesn't rule anything out.

"There are too many unsolicited and isolated incidents reported by too many people," he said.

As for Sandra, "I think anything is possible," she said.

Inseparable spirits?

Looking back at the history of the home, Fred said that a longtime owner had a daughter who was in chronically poor health.

The father brought a female companion into the house, who served as the child's only friend and social outlet.

After the daughter passed

away at age 16, the companion stayed on.

And even after the father's death, the woman continued to live in the house until she died, in 1957.

Do the spirits of the daughter and her companion remain in the house to this day?

About a year and a half ago, due to the growing number of reported incidents, Fred called upon a Certified Paranormal Investigator to do an in depth study of the inn.

The investigator spent several days, utilizing all of the field's modern and accepted techniques, including electronic detection and monitoring, Fred said.

As Fred writes on the inn's website, "His summation indicated that the inn is definitely haunted, and almost certainly by at least two entities."

"The investigator theorized, with good evidence, that even after death [the daughter] would not leave her only friend, and stayed on in spirit to be close to her."

"The investigator went on to state that there is very com-

elling evidence to indicate that there are two spirits who inhabit the inn. It is his professional opinion that the other spirit is that of the companion, who has also chosen to remain on this side, and that they will spend eternity forever united."

Officially haunted

The Noltes now have a "Certified Haunted" certificate hanging in their kitchen.

They don't think the ghosts hurt their business.

"I don't know how many people don't come because of it, but we do know how many do," said Fred.

And it's a significant number, he said.

The "haunted" tag draws both serious believers as well as skeptics who come just for the fun.

None has gone away terrified, Fred said.

Local residents who have heard about the inn's growing reputation for the paranormal seem to be taking it in stride, too.

"I've taken some ribbing," said Fred.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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When writing, please include your full name, signature, address and telephone number (so that we may verify authorship).

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The Way I See It

by Sharon Bouchard

The Hollywood event of events that took place a couple of weeks ago made me suffer from an extreme case of Oscar hangover.

Every year I vow that I will not stay up to watch the Academy Awards and every year I break the vow and find myself glued to the television set until the Best Movie award is announced.

Most years the Oscar extravaganza is like a mediocre meal; it may fill you up, but you are definitely not satisfied. On those occasions I really hated my sleep-deprived self for sticking with it until the bitter end.

At least in past years I had seen some, if not all of the nominated movies so I felt that I at least had a vested interest. I had first-hand knowledge of what I thought should be the best movie or whom I thought should win the Oscar.

That was not the case this year; I have not seen a single nominated movie. I had no favorites for any category, so I had no disappointments in any of the award winners. My only disappointment was in myself for enduring four hours of mindless entertainment with something that I actually knew very little about.

I will say, however, that I felt that this year's show was much better than many of past years. And I will also say that Hugh Jackman was a pretty

good host even though he had to do a pretty stupid opening number. And I will further say that Hugh Jackman is a hunk and he would look good no matter what he did.

Oscar Hangover

I'm really not a stargazer and pay little attention to all the Hollywood gossip, but I have to admit that I was taken in by all the glitz and glamour of the red carpet.

The handsome actors in their tuxedos (with the exception of Mickey Rourke) and the beautiful actresses in their stunning designer gowns took me right back to my Barbie and Ken days when I would dress them in their formal attire and pretend they were movie stars.

I know that movie stars are paid obscene amounts of money for each movie that they do, but in spite of that they don't even buy their own Oscar outfits. Can you imagine that! The clothing designers fight for the opportunity to dress the "A" list actors just to have the red carpet interviewers ask who dressed them. I wish they would dress me once in awhile.

Glitz and glamour aside, I do feel a little empathy for the actors having to do the red-carpet walk. Here they are wearing clothing that cost more than my entire wardrobe, hair and makeup all created by Hollywood's best and yet they are herded like cattle from one interviewer to the next only to be asked the most stupid questions. That can't be that much fun.

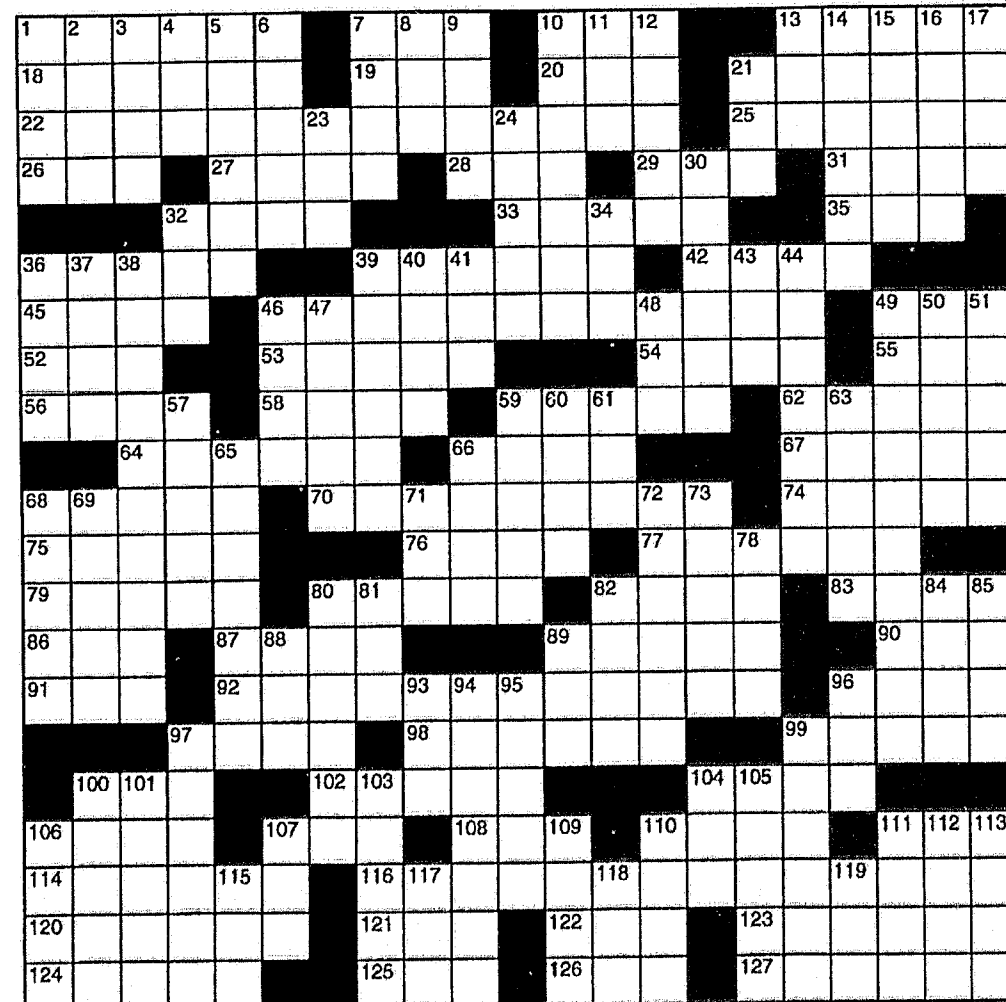
Now there will be a week of entertainment channels analyzing the award choices and picking apart the actor and actresses over what they were wearing. That can't be a lot of fun for them either.

When the second-guessing the Academy and the snide comments about certain gowns or tuxedos come to an end the award season will officially be over until next year.

And next year, in spite of my vows not to, I'll stay up past my bedtime to watch the whole foolish affair yet again.

And without a doubt I'll complain about the silliness and the late hour that it ends and all the dumb questions that are asked on the red carpet just like I'm doing right now. And, even though I know that it's all pretty insane the way I see it, with the way real life is these days for those of us who are not actors, a little glitz and glamour is not a bad four-hour escape from reality.

- ACROSS
- 1 Pickers-
 - 7 Mr. Ziegfeld
 - 10 Bread spread
 - 13 Actress Laurie
 - 18 Conductor Toscanini
 - 19 Word with corn or snake
 - 20 Mr. Baba
 - 21 Scavullo's equipment
 - 22 Elizabeth Taylor movie
 - 25 Hudson River city
 - 26 Day —
 - 27 Rock's —
 - 28 "Holy cow!"
 - 29 Use the microwave
 - 31 "Topaz" author
 - 32 Gab
 - 33 Football's Matson
 - 35 Pupils' place
 - 36 Energetic
 - 39 "64"
 - 42 Way
 - 45 Steber solo
 - 46 English racer
 - 49 Arkansas hrs.
 - 52 West's "Diamond"
 - 53 Presses
 - 54 Help in a heist
 - 55 Cry of discovery
 - 56 Blend
 - 58 — chef
 - 59 "Die Fledermaus" maid
 - 62 Word form for "bone"
 - 64 Fancy
 - 66 Sailing
 - 67 "Wait — Dark"
 - 68 Comic (67 film)
 - 69 Comic Mandel
 - 70 Bribe-to-be
 - 74 Recesses
 - 75 Pays to play
 - 76 Manuscript imperative
 - 77 Peter's partner
 - 79 Smallest
 - 80 Fiery felony
 - 82 Atmosphere
 - 83 Ridicule
 - 86 Bisogno or Kilmer
 - 87 Perry's creator
 - 89 "—, you'll like it!"
 - 90 Laudatory verse
 - 91 Wapiti
 - 92 Jason's quest
 - 96 "Uptown Girl" singer
 - 97 Screenwriter James
 - 98 Big-billed bird
 - 99 Power a bike
 - 100 On the — (leeing)
 - 102 Composer Telemann
 - 104 Moira Shearer, for one
 - 106 Mrs. Zeus
 - 107 Sniggler's quarry
 - 108 Humor
 - 110 Actress Ariane
 - 111 Salon request
 - 114 Hammed up "Hamlet"
 - 116 Some boxers
 - 120 Helen Hunt Jackson novel
 - 121 Unwell
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 - 123 Layers
 - 124 Musty
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 - 127 Tailor's apparatus
 - 3 Director Preminger
 - 4 "— genres"
 - 5 Award
 - 6 Sanchez or Braga
 - 7 — dance
 - 8 Actress Ullmann
 - 9 First name in fashion
 - 10 Field event
 - 11 Flagon
 - 12 Actress Gaynor
 - 13 Crony
 - 14 Permeated
 - 15 Pole star?
 - 16 Banks of baseball
 - 17 Sunshine, slangily
 - 21 Mushroom part
 - 23 Farm animal
 - 24 Tea of "Deep Impact"
 - 30 Certain bacterium
 - 32 Numbers man?
 - 34 Part of a triangle
 - 36 Reading matter?
 - 37 Part of HOMES
 - 38 Doris Day movie
 - 39 Writer de Cervantes
 - 40 Olympic hawk
 - 41 "Kidnapped"
 - 43 Sugary suffix
 - 44 Flabbergast
 - 46 Iranian city
 - 47 Moves like a Morgan
 - 48 "— de mer"
 - 49 Certain poplar
 - 50 Arabian chieftain
 - 51 Hoes and hammers
 - 57 Produces prunes
 - 59 Wan
 - 60 Adroit
 - 61 — Claire, WI
 - 63 A nose that shows
 - 65 IRA, e.g.
 - 66 Concerning
 - 68 Bisect
 - 69 Hoopster Shaquille
 - 71 Nav. designation
 - 72 Vietnam's — Van
 - 73 Column style
 - 78 Figure of interest?
 - 80 Accuse tentatively
 - 81 Florida
 - 82 Length X width
 - 84 Scheme
 - 85 Relate
 - 88 Salty spread
 - 89 RN's specialty
 - 93 Ike's domain
 - 94 Connecticut city
 - 95 "Tempus —"
 - 96 Gush
 - 97 Explosive mixture
 - 99 Considerate
 - 100 Paul of "American Graffiti"
 - 101 Lunch-eonette lure
 - 103 Wee
 - 104 Shorten a stat
 - 105 Karpov's game
 - 106 Towel word
 - 107 Author LaShan
 - 109 Svelte
 - 110 Grass "The Tin —"
 - 111 Kind of carpet
 - 112 Major conclusion
 - 113 Obsolete title
 - 115 Chemical ending
 - 117 Ivy Leaguer
 - 118 Author Umberto
 - 119 Kennel threat
- DOWN
- 1 Din from dynamite
 - 2 Articulated



Super Crossword

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From the Bethel Police Log:

Sunday, March 1

At 12:55 p.m. on the Intervale Rd. Officer Jeff Campbell arrested Albert B. Evans IV, 25, for OUI.

Saturday, Feb. 28

At 5:40 p.m. Lt. S.R. White received a report of a gas drive-off. The vehicle was located and the driver returned to pay.

At 9:41 p.m. Officer Jeff Campbell assisted the Maine Warden Service on the Sunday River Rd. with a snowmobile OUI.

Friday, Feb. 27

At 10:50 p.m. Officer Jeff Campbell responded to a residence for an unwanted subject. The subject said he was willing to leave and just needed a ride. While on scene the officer discovered another subject there had bail conditions. A search for alcohol and illegal drugs was conducted, and then the first subject was given a ride.

Thursday, Feb. 26

At 9:50 a.m. Chief Alan Carr responded to a business regarding a theft. It was found to be an employee.

February Tally of BPD Activity

Calls for service (assaults, domestic incidents, animal complaints, etc.): 96

Arrests: 13

Warnings: 12

Citations (speeding tickets and other moving violations): 32

Motor vehicle defect stops/warnings: 11

Warnings: 12

Vehicle crashes: 8

Permits: 1

Oxford County Jail:

(Bethel region)

March 3, 1:17 a.m.: Jennifer C. Almeida, 36, of Rosindale, Mass., OUI; by Deputy George Cayer on Barker Mt. Rd., Newry.

March 2, 11 p.m.: Patrick S. Bryson, 28, of Boston, Mass., OUI, refusing to sign a traffic ticket; by Deputy George Cayer on Barker Mt. Rd., Newry.

March 1, 6:50 a.m.: Kevin M. Bucalis, 38, of Brockton, Mass., assault; by Trooper Ron Turnick in Bryant Pond.

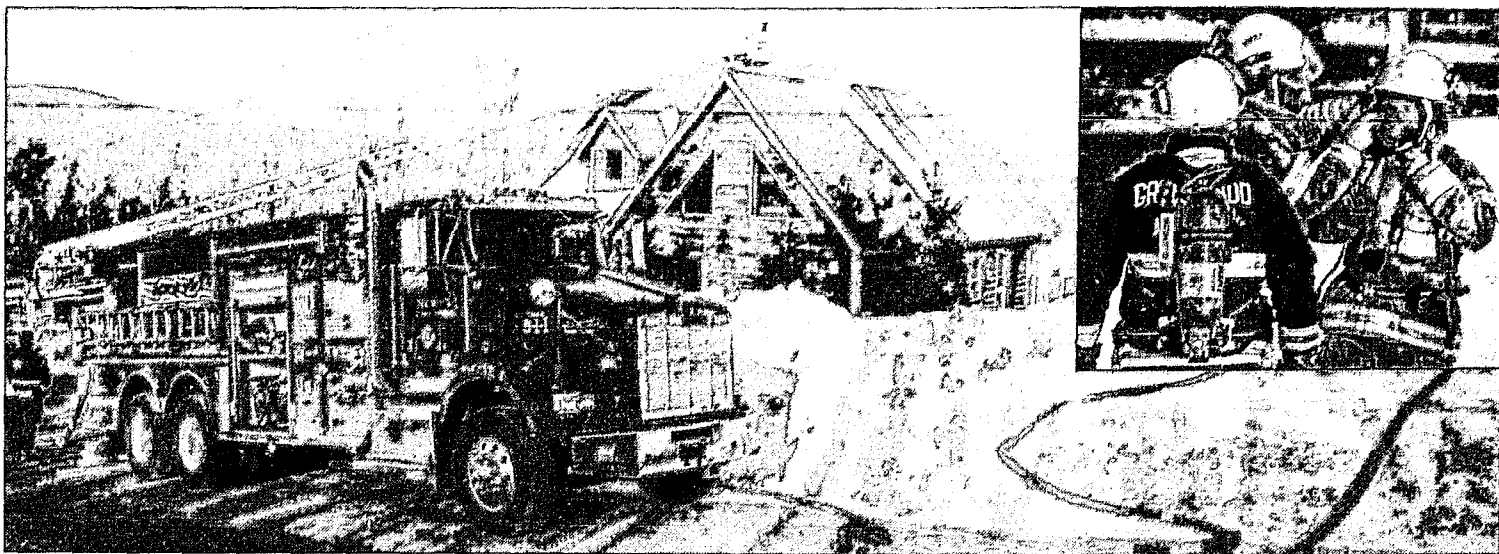
March 1, 2:36 a.m.: Albert B. Evans, 25, of Medford, Mass., OUI; by BPD Officer Jeff Campbell on Intervale Rd., Bethel.

Feb. 28, 11:14 p.m.: Brandon B. Brown, 24, of Bethel, OUI, violation of bail conditions; by Josh Smith of the Maine Warden Service in Bethel.

Feb. 27, 9:37 a.m.: Richard R. Larsen Jr., 21, of Greenwood, operating after suspension; by Cpl. Chancey Libby in Greenwood.

Feb. 25, 7:50 p.m.: Raymond Melanson, 57, of Woodstock, OUI; by Trooper Jason Wing in Bethel.

Feb. 25, 8:48 p.m.: Timothy S. Melanson, 33, of Bar Mills, failure to appear; by Deputy Mike Halacy on Route 26 in Greenwood.



POWDER RIDGE FIRE—Area firefighters battled a chimney fire Tuesday that spread to the walls in this vacation home at Powder Ridge in Newry. Inset, firefighters don breathing apparatus to allow them to enter the house. (Photos: A. Aloisio)

Bethel



by Virginia Keniston

March is National Umbrella Month. No better time to give someone an umbrella and get ready for those April showers.

Ash Wednesday, Feb. 25, was the beginning of Lent when you give up something for Easter.

Bethel Senior Citizens Club will meet March 11 at the Methodist Church for a potluck luncheon. John Davis will talk on Japanese Dolls.

Lenten services will be held Fridays in March at the West Parish Congregational Church at 12 noon. Luncheon will be followed by brief meditation.

West Bethel



by Lorrie Hoeh

After the storm of the 22nd, we were not too thrilled to wake to another snow day this Monday and face the prospect of more blowing and shoveling. But the weather falls into the category of things one cannot change and must therefore accept. Totals did not reach last week's foot and a half, but the pile at the end of the drive was still formidable.

Gail Martin called to report that they had two feet of snow in Norway. She was wondering if they should come to West Bethel to shovel the roof of their camp. I allowed as how it might be a good idea. We have been sprouting leaks in the most unexpected places, and we are not pleased.

On the bird front, we have been seeing the flock of 13 turkeys on a regular basis since the big snowfall. They come several times a day and hang around for extended periods of time. Mike spotted a pair of white-breasted nuthatches last Tuesday, the first we've seen this season. Still no other "different" birds. Lynn and Joe Arizzi in Bethel have identified recent visitors to their feeder as a flock of redpolls. They were pretty excited about that.

Last Thursday evening, West Bethel resident Carol Campbell was fêted at a surprise birthday dinner at The Victoria Inn, organized by her friend, Roberta Taylor. Several of Carol's friends were there to share a delicious dinner and birthday cake with Carol, and her daughter drove more than three hours to join the fun. Lynn Arizzi played "Come On, Baby, Light My Fire," a reference to Carol's part in a Senior Players production, and we all sang "Happy Birthday" when she arrived, completely surprised and nonplussed. It was a delightful occasion indeed.

Last weekend my friend and I drove down to Freeport for what has become an annual ritual: the Knit, Spin, & Spa Weekend. This year it was held at the Hilton Garden Inn in Freeport, and a couple hundred knitters, spinners, and wannabes showed up for a relaxing, enjoyable weekend. This was not exclusively a "hen party," as there were several male spinners and/or knitters among the group.

What makes the event special is that there are no fees, no requirements, no classes just doing what we love and cruising the "Mercantile," where several vendors displayed their wares and did a fast-paced business selling yarn, fiber, etc., to people who already have too much in their stashes! The old Town Hall Meeting House is right next door to the Inn, and that was where we spent many happy hours sitting in various circles, just a-knitting and a-spinning and a-talkin' away.

Meanwhile, another annual ritual was taking place at Notchview Reservation in the Berkshires, where the New England Bill Koch Ski Festival was happening. Bethel Outing Club children who participated included Aiden, Caleb, and Livy Clarke; Sophie and Eliot List; Marcello

DeLucca; and our grandson, Andrew Siegel.

The young skiers took part in a costume parade, skating relays against teams from other states, and individually striking technique races. Sophie and Eliot and parents Eric and Chris had particularly striking troll ears fitting the troll theme for the costume parade, and Sophie wore hers all weekend. Kirk Siegel noted that it was a very well-organized event and fun for attendees of all ages.

By the time this sees print, the Gould ninth graders will have returned from their sojourn in China (Asia, not Maine), loaded with pictures, souvenirs and tales of adventures. We look forward to welcoming back our granddaughter, Molly Siegel; her friends, Abby Goldberg and Helen Cooper; and our grandnephew, Nick Schwarz. What a fantastic experience it must have been!

Don't shovel too hard or too much, stay well, and keep in touch. You can reach me at 836-3011 or dhoech@megalink.net.

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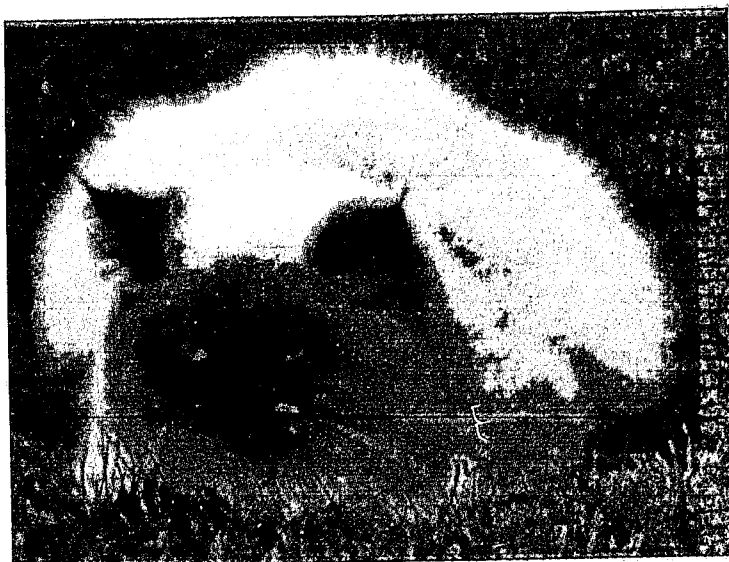
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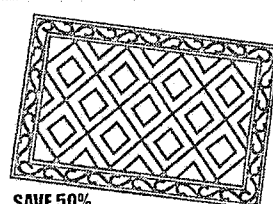
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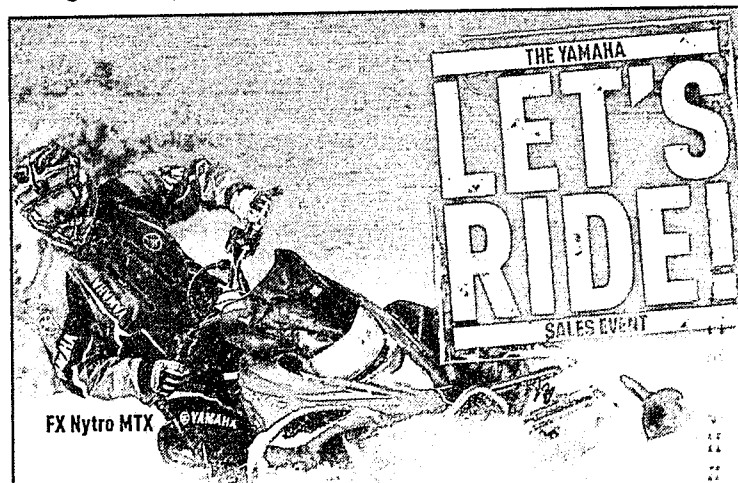
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by
Lin Chapman
As I write this on Sunday afternoon, there is a prediction of another winter storm. I listened to the weather on three different television channels and all three predicted different amounts of snow. I guess we will just have to wait and see, as always.

Next weekend has been set for the beginning of Daylight Savings Time. Don't forget to set your clocks!

My brother, Steve McLain, had some help from his son, Brad, this past weekend. Brad helped get the rest of the snow off the roof just in case this storm proves to bring the 12 inches that one of the television channels predicted.

Our granddaughter, Sidney Chapman, spent this past weekend with us. She is a great guest and loves to eat Grammy's corn chowder.

Town Office

The next regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen will be on Wednesday, March 11, at 7 p.m. at the Town Office. They are in hopes of finishing up some loose ends for the Annual Town Meeting that will be held on March 28 at 7 p.m.

Comp. Planning Committee

The next meeting of the Comp. Planning Committee will be on March 17 at 7 p.m. at the Town Office. The committee will be working on some of the remaining Policy/Strategy sections for the Plan. At this meeting they will be discussing Recreation, Natural Resources, Transportation and Water. At their last meeting, on Feb. 17, they discussed the Historical and Archaeological Resources, Economic and Housing Policy/Strategy sections.

Gilead Historical Society
The GHS will be holding their first meeting of 2009 on March 28 at 1 p.m. at the Town Office. This meeting will have two very important items on the agenda. Friends and Family Day will need to be discussed and committees will be formed to get things planned for the day. The GHS is always looking for new people and new ideas, so if you would like to attend the meeting, stop by and lend a hand. The other big item on the agenda will be the lot on the corner. There is much to be done to get ready for

the next phase in preparing for the new home of the GHS. First of all, the lot will need to have a good spring-cleaning. There is a lot to do in the next few months, but as the saying goes, "Many hands make light work." We will certainly need many "hands!"
Got any news? Call 836-2987 or e-mail chapmal@hotmail.com.

Greenwood City



by
Wayne Hakala

March, the Grapefruit League and a Sox game on Sunday afternoon. It can't get much better! But I'm sure that come another month and we will be saying even more. But then if the Sox continue as they are in the ninth, we'll all be ready to say a few other words.

As an early reminder, the Fire Auxiliary will be doing the lunch at the Greenwood Town Meeting on March 28. The cost will be \$7 with a great variety to choose from. Plus, I'm sure there will be plenty of gas-producing materials on hand that will allow you to show the selectmen your displeasure of business. Maybe your neighbor too. But I'm sure that as always there will be plenty to eat.

I'm watching the opening of the NASCAR race, and I'm very disgusted with the unpatriotic people there in Vegas. It's not just the fans, but the drivers and crew members too that are just looking around, hands in their pockets, holding on to someone and waving to their wing-nut buddies while the National Anthem is being performed. The lot of them ought to be hit with a "BLEVIT!"

I stopped down to the farm for some sunflower seeds and caught up on all the goings on. I learned a new description of them wild turkeys. Just a rat with feathers. I figure Rodney was being very considerate and gentle as it was Sunday morning.

The weather isn't cooperating with my plans for tapping. Ray told me that someone in the south last week had sap flowing for several hours a day. So there is hope for it yet even though I'm slowed down with the leg. Started another round of antibiotics Saturday noon. I felt the heat growing and decided I better behave. I did stay home and elevated the leg and had the heating

pad wrapped around the knee. Missed an excellent time on Saturday eve at the Lincoln Day Dinner. Another year coming and will enjoy it then.

Last Monday eve I was really upset when I got to the Land Use Ordinance. So few people were there. And all I've heard about the ordinance and people's reactions to it, set me to thinking an old-fashioned knock-down-drag-out fight was coming. Maybe I should have worn my hearing aids, as not too many people were interested in speaking up. Unless some people start attending these meetings and voicing their opinions, the town will be just another place to move from. There are several items that I strongly disagree with and intend to voice my concerns even further. Please voice yours and make this a document that isn't just for a few.

I just wanted to pass along the great news that Oxford County Recycling now has a website! Web address is www.oxfordcountyrecycling.com. The site will continue to grow and add other interesting items, ideas and pictures. Please visit the site and pass along the address.

It is time to put my leg in an elevated position again and think about some ice cream and strawberries. So will close till next time, remember Uncle Ivan's birthday party on the 14th and keep a polka beat in your heart.

Mason



by
Richard Grover

Two week-ends ago, Mona and I spent the day Saturday and that night at a 40 & 8 Legion function at the Merry Manor Inn in South Portland. This was a celebration of Washington's birthday and chance to get together with friends and to make some money for some worthwhile charities near and dear to "40 & 8ers," especially for nurses' training scholarships and for research and treatment of Hansen's disease (leprosy).

We also took Snuffy along because he hates to be left alone. He loves to travel, and he will not stay in a motel room, so we let him sleep in the car. I went out and took him for walks around the parking lot every couple of hours so he wouldn't get lonesome. I also prepared his dog-food supper and provided him drinking water.

As often happens when we take him traveling, Snuffy didn't touch either his food or water until after we got home Sunday morning. At home he soon cleaned out his food dish and drank quite a bit of water. I even gave him a new leather bone to chew on.

As Sunday was pretty cold, I spent quite a bit of time at the computer. It wasn't long before Snuffy threw up all his dog food, leaving at least five puddles of "glop" spread around on the rug in the computer room and also on a throw at the foot of the basement stairs! I cleaned those messes up as well as I could and figured that was the end of that problem. Shortly, he repeated the process, only this time it was all slimy pieces of leather bone! After cleaning up that mess, I searched all the usual places where he leaves pieces of unchewed bones and threw all remnants into the furnace. No more bones for him for a while! Of course, he still managed to find a few bone scraps that I missed under chairs and other furniture. So far, no more up-set stomach!

Last week's snowstorm only dumped 16 inches of the white stuff in Mason, while lots of other places around had two feet or more! It was enough that I figured I had better shovel off the lean-to shed on the backside of my barn. I wasn't in a big hurry because I had already shoveled it off two times this winter, the last time only a week or two before the last storm. Big mistake! On Sunday afternoon Matt was riding his snowmobile around the buildings and stopped by the garage and asked, "Do you realize that your shed roof has collapsed under the snow?"

Oh-oh! My snowmobile and utility carts are in that shed! Luckily, the woodpile and the cedar posts had held up parts of the roof, and the snowmobile and carts were unscathed, although my steel wheelbarrow is lying on its side and supporting one corner of the busted roof. Using shovel and roof rake I was able to get the snow off the roof, but repairs will have to wait for spring.

The snow in the woods has gotten so deep I am forced to quit logging. I can no longer clear new twitch paths without fear of damaging my Kubota. I may be able to harvest a few trees from my existing road, but that will be it for this winter. With my short legs, I sink in waist deep in snow when I step off my road! The return is hardly worth the effort for me, anymore.

Upton



by
Laurie Brown

Saturday, March 7, is the Stateline Snowmobile Club's annual cookout.

They'll ride in at 10:30 and enjoy a cookout at the Sugar Shack. The trails are still great! For info on the trails and/or the ride-in, call Charlie at 533-2028.

There was a budget meeting on March 4. The Town Meeting is March 19 at 7 p.m. at the school house.

Charlie Felt and Carol Norman are graciously willing to host a skating party on their pond on Friday, March 13, beginning at 5:30 p.m. Ladies Aid members will provide hot dogs to cook over the bonfire. We'll have s'mores stuff, too! The skating party is for folks of all ages. Children need to be accompanied by an adult who can be responsible for signing a waiver. If you have extra skates, maybe you could bring them to lend? There is no charge to join in this winter fun festivity. Even if you don't skate, come join us for some hot chocolate and watch the skaters glide across the pond under the lights.

The planning board meets on March 27 at 6 p.m. for a workshop, 7 p.m. for public issues at the Town Office. At the meeting on Friday, members discussed wetlands extended areas, which the state has mandated the town needs to vote whether to accept by June 30.

The Ladies Aid will be hosting a Sun Rise Service at the Rector's home on East B Hill to be followed by a breakfast at the Ladies Aid building on Easter Sunday, April 12. More information in next week's column.

If you know anyone who has a stove and/or a refrigerator for sale (cheap), that still works well but is maybe the wrong color, please contact Leslie Aron at 533-2481. The

Ladies Aid needs both these appliances. Thanks, in advance.

In the 1917-1918 Annual Report, I found these articles that I found comical and/or interesting:

"Art. 18. To see what sum of money the town will grant and raise for free text books."

"Art. 24. To see if the town will vote to raise the cross road two feet and extend the bridge four feet down stream and to raise money therefor."

"Art. 25. To see if the town will vote to grant and raise \$3.00 for the school flag."

"Art. 35. To see if the town will vote to pay \$3.00 per day for man and team. (The cost of the flag = 1 day's pay.w)"

"Art. 37. To see if the town will vote to pay the 1st selectman \$1.00 per week or \$52.00 per year."

Hope you have a great week and remember this non-Biblical "Beatitude" "Blessed are the flexible, for they shall not get bent out of shape." Se-lah.

Andover



by
Melinda Averill

Hello Andover friends. As I'm writing this on Monday morning, we

are once again getting a lovely little snowstorm! Schools have been cancelled for the day, yee-haw! This is like the 9th or 10th snow day so far this year! I've lost count.

A happy belated birthday to East Andover resident Betty Moore on Monday, March 2.

Celebrating a birthday this week is Shawn Kneeland on March 8.

Last Tuesday, Feb. 24, our young lads from Andover headed out on a snowmobile journey. That would be

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Freeman Farrington, Dany White, David White and Mike Clement. The first night they stopped and stayed at The Forks, then continued on to Caribou Lake, up above Greenville. They returned home on Thursday, leaving at 7 a.m. and arriving home at 11 p.m. Wow! They traveled a little over 300 miles. I wonder if they are at all lamed up?

Don't forget the Public Hearing this coming Tuesday evening, March 10, at the Town Hall, starting at 6 p.m. Up for discussion is a Flood Plain Ordinance and a town Personnel Policy Ordinance. If you have questions or concerns, now would be the time to have them addressed before the vote on town meeting day.

Former Andover resident "Nels" Lionel Gregoire is now a resident of the Lincoln Terrace Nursing Home (11 Lincoln Street, Rochester, N.H. 03867). He lived on the South Arm Road for many years.

Get well wishes to Kenny Learned, who had surgery last week and is still in the hospital — CMMC in Lewiston.

Have a nice weekend.

Newry



by Sylvia Harrington

Lately I have seen many turkeys along side and in the road; three were running in front of me so that I had to slow down and wait for them to run into Robertson's farm to join the other turkeys that were there ahead of them. They were enjoying some of the food the cattle will never get. Not the best place for me to be at a very slow rate of travel. Many turkeys are also at the Recording Station beside the barn. I guess the deep snow makes them visible in areas where they can get to easily. I have seen them fly quite a distance and very high in the air.

For news about the WVSC trails, please call Leon or Ed with any questions or with regard to the Windy Valleys Snowmobile Club. Leon Dunn

can be reached at 824-3335 and Ed Powers at 1-207-739-9618 for information.

The Bear River Trading Post has been designated as a weigh station for the 2009 Maine Chevrolet Statewide Ice Fishing Derby which will be held on March 7 and 8 from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. There is an entry fee. Stop by the Post for information or to sign up. On Sunday, I talked to Deb, who told me that several local people have already signed up for this contest.

While there I had coffee, a sweet and purchased milk for my cat Spooky, or Spookums as I call her, along with a bag of snow peas I like. As I was leaving I noticed the WVSC's sticker that I purchased and attached a bit crookedly to my rear window. Available for purchase are warm hats, gloves and fishing gear for the upcoming event.

Licenses and registrations for snowmobile and ATVs are available at the BRTP as well as applications for membership in the local WVSC.

East Bethel



by Nancy Mercer

Kassandra Haines made the honor roll for the 12th grade this past

quarter, Kathryn Coolidge made the honor roll for the seventh grade, and Robert Crockett make the honor roll for the fifth grade. Congratulations to all of them!

There was no Grange meeting on the 27th, the roads could have been bad.

If anyone wants Avon products, Mona Coolidge sells them. Her number is 824-2798.

Alder River Grange will try for a meeting on March 13. There will be a 6 p.m. potluck supper and the meeting at 7 p.m. I'm not sure where the meeting will be, but I will get the information in the paper.

The Grange supper schedule for the coming year is: May 16 will be baked beans with hot dogs, salads and desserts. Chicken ala king with rice or potato will be on June 20. There will be baked ham on Sept. 19, and the Harvest sup-

per will be on Oct. 17. The turkey supper will be on Nov. 7. There is no supper in July and August. The Grange will be selling smoothies at Mollycoddett Day on July 18.

No other human news now. Another turkey, the fifth one, was taken out a week ago by rush-hour traffic. The crows had a feast for the day.

I still have four to six deer that come down off the hill to get something to eat in the late afternoon.

If you have any news, give me a ring at 824-3350. God Bless the Troops.

East Andover



by Joan Stinson-Carney

Congratulations to Glenna Allen who recently celebrated her 80th birthday. Her family and friends had a surprise birthday party for her last Saturday at the Calvary Bible Church, and she was really surprised.

Don't forget about the public hearing on Tuesday, March 10, at the Town Hall. The meeting will begin at 6 p.m. Topics are about the new Personnel Policy and the planning board Flood Plain Management Ordinance. It's nice to have information before Town Meeting about some of the articles that we have to vote on. If you have ever attended Town Meeting, you know how things can get "twisted." So the more you know before the better off you are.

I guess March is marching in like a lion. We are supposed to have a significant amount of snow tonight and tomorrow. I think I remember writing almost the same weather report last Sunday. Ahh the way life should be!

Due to winter conditions the bathroom at the library is out of order. I worked last Thursday afternoon and just managed to make it home; taking water pills is not a nice thing.

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3) If someone says they are going to Dave's you know that they really mean Andover General.

4) If you hear the sound of a siren you immediately try to find out where it is going.

5) You don't get excited when you see a moose.

6) You are careful about what you say about people because almost everyone is related to everybody else.

7) A traffic jam consists of not more than five cars.

8) You have jumped off the covered bridge into the Ellis River.

9) You believe that the Chandler house is haunted.

10) You know that the library once was a church.

I am sure that I can probably think of a few more, but I'll stop while I'm ahead. See 'ya.

Hanover



by Clem Worcester

How is the New Year's diet going? This week the Hanover news appears to be on a diet, also. Not much happens in the small town of Hanover between February and March.

The big storm Sunday night and Monday caused problems along the Howard Pond Road. The electricity flipped off around midnight, and it was 13 hours until Central Maine Power Company was able to restore it. More than one foot of snow came but you couldn't tell exactly how much because the strong winds blew it all around.

A new snowmobile trail has been built from midway in Hanover through Hanover Swamp to the Village. Another trail has been developed which approaches the Village area from the east across Harold Ferguson's property.

Bill and Gail Worcester traveled to Hooksett, N.H., last weekend to visit Daren and Fran Worcester and their son Wyatt.

West Paris



by Joyce Lamb

Winter is definitely still with us. The glassed-in porch does get up to 45 degrees some times if the sun shines brightly. One amaryllis is cheering me up with six large pink and white blossoms. That bulb is blooming for the third year

and is beautiful. I do have seven bulbs, four of which were my mother's. She has been gone for eleven years. They do last a long time but I do not know how to get all of them to produce. Fertilize or giving them new soil and pots doesn't do it. There is still one more that just sent up a bud. The blossoms are so welcome in these cold winter days.

At the West Paris Universalist Church on Sunday, March 8, the Rev. Richard Beal will conduct the service at 9 a.m. Jim Burke is organist. A social coffee hour follows. All are welcome. Attendance is doing well even with the bad weather. The Florida people will be back sometime in April.

The ladies group of the church postponed their Monday meeting because of snow. The TV news promises a big storm for next Monday. We are thinking of waiting until the last of the month and trying again.

At the Whitman Memorial Library in Bryant Pond the program with Cliff Gray was postponed because of the weather and will be held at a later date. On Thursday, March 12, at 2 p.m. Mary Elkin of the Morrill Farm in Sumner will present a program of living history from the 1870s. All are welcome.

On Thursday, April 9, at 2 p.m. Nancy Dewing of Greenwood will give a talk on her recent visit to India.

Walking is not good on our present walking path. The edges of the roads are icy and rough and none of us cares to fall, so have missed a lot of exercise most weeks. The exercise bike works well but there is no social ability alone at home.

The West Paris Library had a new book in when I went this week. "Dewey" by Vicki Myron, and it is very good if one likes cats. It is the life of a cat that lived in a library and what he meant to the community. Light reading.

Muffin could now be a public cat for she likes everyone now. When she came to live with me she was afraid of all people for she had been alone in a home with only her caregiver going in. She is now quite spoiled and gets what she wants to eat and has someone to follow around all day and an occupied bed to sleep in.

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Bryant Pond



by Alice Hoyt

Services at the Baptist Church are Sunday school at 9:15, morning worship at 10:30, evening service at 6 p.m. Wednesday at 6:30 is prayer meeting and Friday evening at 6:30 is youth group. Looking ahead to March: Sunday, March 22, Missionary Troy Myer at the evening service, Saturday, March 28, at 10 a.m. a financial seminar with Mark Elliott, "Living Debt-free the Way God Intended" and Sunday, March 29, fifth Sunday lunch and afternoon service.

The Woodstock-Greenwood Senior Citizens will meet on Thursday, March 5 (today), at the Ledgeview Memorial Home for meeting, dinner and program. Meeting starts at 11:30, dinner put on by Ledgeview Auxiliary and program by Ann Morton on trips they have taken. New members always welcome. Dinner will be \$7 and dues are \$2 a year.

The program at the Whitman Memorial Library on March 12 at 2 p.m. will be Marty Elkin of the Morrill Farm in Summer. She will present a program on living history from the 1870s. She does a one-room school program from that time period. She may even have you doing penmanship with a quill pen. She will also invite you to the farm for Maple Syrup Sunday. All are welcome at no charge.

Historical Society

The museum walls are lined with old photos of people and places in the town years ago. Bulletin boards feature smaller photos of the same. They also have the minutes of many organizations in town in the file cabinets and guest books of several camps as well. They are the repositories of so much information. The museum

offers much to the area and serves the public, including those from away, exceptionally well. The Historical Society meets on the second Saturday of each month, starting with a 6 p.m. potluck supper. During the winter they meet at the Town Office conference room.

Albany



by Sheila Dyke

Greetings and hello from Albany Township. I hope that this finds everyone keeping warm. After such nice warm days it's been tough getting back into winter. But, March is here, so spring will soon show up.

Things have been fairly quiet around here. If anyone has anything they would like to see in the column, just give me a call or drop me a note and I'll do my very best.

Best wishes for a happy and safe week. God Bless and Keep.

Waterford



by Rockie Graham

Another snowstorm to remind us that it is not spring yet. Officially that is March 20, but we all know that the real spring will be much later.

At least we got less this time. Here we got only about six inches, not the 12 to 14 they predicted. School and almost everything else was cancelled.

That was fine with me. David plowed us out. A really big storm would have been hard for us. We lost our Bobcat last week. Son-in-law Jeffrey borrowed it and it burnt up. There is nothing left except the skeleton with all wires, the carburetor and the gas tank either burning or melting. He had to have the fire department put it out.

Six inches the plow could handle. Perhaps this summer we can repair it and get it back on the road.

This Saturday, March 7, is Waterford Town Meeting. Voting is Friday at the Waterford Town Office, but the meeting is Saturday beginning at 9 a.m. at the Waterford Fire Station. The Town Reports are out and if you didn't get one stop by the Town Office and see Brenda and Betty.

I missed the Western Mountains Senior College soup swap and registrations last Friday but hopefully I may be able to attend some classes this spring. They are in Bethel, which is far for me to stray, but not that far that I can't go. Interested folks can call Jackie Cressy at 824-0508.

This Friday, Responsible Pet Care will hold a benefit show at OHCHS at 7:30 p.m. Snow date is Friday, March 13. Tickets are \$9, children up to grade 12 \$6 are available at Books N Things, Norway, and OHCHS Valhalla Store.

Since there was no school today due to snow, I hope everyone got outside and did some fun snow things. I did not, but I hope everyone else did. I was a couch potato today, nursing a sore throat and swollen glands. I stayed in to nip it in the bud and so I wouldn't give it to anyone else.

I hope everyone wished Sadie a happy birthday on Tuesday, the 3rd. She is now 12 years young. Justin will be 16. I think, on March 13. Happy Birthday Justin.

That is all for this week. Have a great week and enjoy the snow. It will be gone before we know it.

From

Western Mountains Senior College

"Healthy Eating on a Budget" was introduced to the community last evening as Cathi DiCocco, local chef and food educator, reminded us "we are what we eat." Over



SKATEPARK FUNDRAISERS—A group of area youngsters sold hot cocoa Saturday in Bethel to raise funds for the proposed new skatepark. Pictured are, from left, Kijah Bartlett, Hope Doyle, Aneah Bartlett and Hattie Doyle. They raised more than \$200. Donations were provided by the Bethel Foodliner and Good Food Store.

the next eight weeks eight local restaurants will participate in this program, which is aimed at helping us to reduce stress by learning to eat healthy on a budget.

Café DiCocco will be the site of the first healthy eating evening on Wednesday, March 11, at 6 p.m. Doors will open at 5:45 p.m. Advance registration is required and attendance is limited to 12 persons. To make reservations, please call 824-5282 by Monday noon, March 9.

Cathi DiCocco tells us to come prepared to don an apron and learn more about healthy cooking. She will present a "Hands-On" Thai Dinner Party and the menu includes the following: Fresh Spring Rolls with sweet garlic chili dip and peanut sauce, Mango Curry Stir Fry over Jasmin Brown Rice with roasted cashews, Coconut Rice Pudding with grilled pineapple, Jasmin Tea or Thai Tea.

Healthy Eating on a Budget is the final program in this

year's "To Your Health" series on how to de-stress your life. The series is sponsored as a community service by Western Mountains Senior College, Bethel Family Health Center, SAD44/Community Education and Wayne DuPlessis, counselor. For more information, call one of the co-chairs, Rosabelle Tift at 824-2053 or Judy Whitman at 824-0347.

Mark Your Calendar: On Wednesday, March 18, at 6 p.m., Chip Willets, experienced chef and instructor and owner of Sassafras Market &

Deli, will take us to The Victoria Restaurant's kitchen as he discusses "Balance in Eating." Watch for details of his healthy eating evening in next week's Citizen.

From

Oxford County Republicans

The Oxford County Republicans held their annual Lincoln Day Dinner on Saturday, Feb. 28, at the Bethel Inn Conference Center in Bethel. This year is markedly special as Americans celebrate the 200th birthday of Abraham Lincoln and Hannibal Hamlin.

A feast of top sirloin, stuffed chicken and all the trimmings was enjoyed by almost 80 revelers. Harry Faulkner, the new chairman of the Oxford County Republican Committee, was the master of ceremony for the program and State Committeeman Stan Howe introduced two very special guest speakers. In his introduction of Abraham Lincoln, Stan delivered the following quote from Lincoln's address to the 168th Ohio Regiment.

"I happen to temporarily occupy the White House. I am a living witness that any one of your children may look to come here as my father's child has." — Abraham Lincoln (Andrew Choate)

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Events Calendar

9:15 a.m. (Fridays) — Oxford Hills Duplicate Bridge at Fare Share Food Coop, 443 Main Street, Norway. For more information, call Les Buzzell at 783-4153 or 754-9153; or e-mail: buzzell6@myfairpoint.com.

Every Wednesday, 7 to 9 p.m. - **The Yet To be Named Banjo Club** practices in the Commons of the Fare Share Market at 477 Main Street, Norway. Interested banjoists invited to join. Public welcome to come and listen. FMI: call Alan Hamilton at 875-2680.

First and Third Wednesdays 9 to 12 a.m. - **Veterans' Advocate** will be at Maine Veterans' Home, South Paris.

Wednesdays 6 to 7:30 p.m. - **People in recovery from alcohol/drug addiction** may need to move to a Next Step group. Open to everyone who feels they may benefit from a change. FMI: call Laurence Austin at 824-4077 (all calls confidential).

Wednesday nights - **TOPS**, take off pounds sensibly, meets at Bethel Alliance Church from 5:30 to 6 p.m. (weigh in) and meeting from 6 to 6:30 p.m. All welcome. FMI: call 824-3288.

Wednesdays 10 to 11 a.m. - **T'ai Chi** at Ellie's Express and 5 to 6 p.m. at Bethel Family Health Center. Taught by Betsey Foster, MPH. To register, contact Betsey at 875-2426 or BSF@megalink.net.

Wednesdays 10:30 a.m. - **Pre-school Story Time** (ages 2 to 5 and parents or caregivers) at Norway Memorial Library, 258 Main Street. Free. Thru February, except Feb. 16-20, and March. FMI: 743-5308.

Thursdays 1 to 3 p.m. - **Cross Country Quilters** of Pine Tree Quilt Guild of Maine meet at Moses Mason House Barn, corner of Broad and Mason streets, Bethel. All quilters welcome. No dues, no rules, just fun. FMI: call Ginny Keniston (824-2661) or e-mail Pat McCartney at p_quilts@yahoo.com.

Fridays 10:30 a.m. - **Infants/toddlers** to age 2 and parents share rhymes, finger plays, songs, etc. at Norway Memorial Library, 258 Main Street. Free. Thru February, except Feb. 16-20, and March. FMI: 743-5308.

Thru March 9

9 to 4 p.m. - **MS Awareness Week** at Mt. Abram Ski Resort. \$20 lift tickets Sunday, March 1 with \$10 of each ticket donated to Maine Chapter of MS Society. FMI: call 875-5000.

Friday, March 6

7:30 p.m. - **Responsible Pet Care Animal Shelter Benefit Show** at Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School. Snow date: Friday, March 13, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets: \$9, children up to grade 12 \$6 available at door, Books N Things, Norway, from cast members and at OHCHS Valhalla store.

Friday, March 6, 13, 20, 27

12 to 1 p.m. - **Ecumenical Lenten Lunch** at West Parish Congregational Church, Bethel. Following simple soup lunch will be short meditation/discussion on one of the Psalms. Everyone welcome to share this hour of fellowship.

Friday and Saturday, March 6 and 7

7:30 p.m. - **At Oddfellow Theater**, Buckfield: Auto Body Live with Matthew and Jason Tardy who are back combining comedic wit with high-energy stunts. Friday night special \$10, Saturday tickets \$15. FMI or tickets: call 336-3306 or visit www.oddfellow.com/calendar.

Saturday, March 7

5 to 9 p.m. - **Benefit Supper for Leslie "Farmer" Robertson** at Funky Red Barn, Bethel. Adults \$8 and children 12 and under

It's always wise to call ahead

Listings in The Citizen's weekly Community Calendar are compiled from a wide variety of sources. While we do our utmost to ensure the reliability of the information presented here, we recognize that when dealing with such a large volume of material, some inaccuracies will occasionally creep in. And in other cases, a sponsoring organization's plans may change between the time The Citizen is printed and the event is held.

Accordingly, we strongly urge our readers to call ahead to verify the details of any event they plan to attend. Doing so will greatly reduce the chance of disap-

\$4. Potluck supper, entertainment, raffles, silent auction. FMI: call Amy at 875-2031 or Candi at 824-7415.

7 p.m. - **Black Diamond Entertainment Series:** David Garrity, Illusionist, at Sunday River Ski Resort's Grand Summit Resort Hotel. Tickets: adults 13 and over \$6 advance, \$8 at door; 12 and under, \$4 advance or \$6 at door, under 5 free. FMI: call (800) 543-2SKI

Saturday and Sunday, March 7 and 8

7 a.m. to 4 p.m. - **2009 Maine Chevy Statewide Ice Fishing Derby** with fishing at all legal Oxford County lakes and ponds for togue, pickerel, pike and muskie. Bear River Trading Post, Newry, is one of 22 weigh stations. Entry fee: \$20 per person and \$30 for a Kid Pack (two parents and up to six children under age 18). FMI: visit www.icefishingderby.com. or call (888) ICE-FLAG or e-mail Doug Webster at bearriv@megalink.net.

Winter Fest at Black Mountain, Rumford. Adult day ticket \$22, junior \$18, night skiing \$10. FMI: call Deanna Kersey at 364-8977 or e-mail bmommarketing@gmail.com or visit www.skiblackmountain.org.

Sunday, March 8

1 p.m. - **Fun Race** of cross-country skiing and snowshoeing at Carter's Cross Country Ski Center, Intervale Road, Bethel. FMI: call 824-3880 or e-mail cartersxcski@gmail.com.

1 to 5 p.m. - **Introductory Workshop on painting with hot, pigmented wax**, by Western Maine Art Group member and teacher Heather Westleigh at Lajos Matolcsy Arts Center, 480 Main Street, Norway. Pre-registration required (592-5047) (space limited). Cost: \$50 with a \$25 materials fee. FMI: visit www.phoenixnest.us.

Tuesday, March 10

6:30 p.m. - **Oyster Stew Dinner** at American Legion Post 81, Vernon Street, Bethel. Cost: \$5 per person.

7 p.m. - **Woodlot Owners Workshop**, a six-week course sponsored by Maine Forest Service, starts at Oxford Hills High School, South Paris. Cost: \$20. All materials supplied. FMI: call Merle Ring, 674-3787. To sign up, contact or visit Adult Education office at Oxford Hills High School at 743-8842, Ext 1.

Wednesday, March 11

11 a.m. - **Bethel Senior Citizens Club** meeting at Bethel Methodist Church, Main Street with potluck dinner. Members asked to bring either hot dish or salad; dessert furnished. Speaker will be Kim from Seniors Plus who will answer questions about Medicare, income taxes, social security, etc.

4 p.m. - **At McLaughlin Garden**, 97 Main Street, South Paris: "Unusual Perennials" with Julia Gribbin of Andover. She will discuss unusual perennials in rock, shade, sun and deer resistant gardens. Snow date: March 18, same time. Free. FMI: call 743-8820 or visit www.mclaughlingarden.org.

6 p.m. - **"Hands-on" Thai Dinner Party**, by reservation at Café Di Cocoa, Main Street, Bethel, is first To Your Health Series healthy eating evening presented by Western Mountains Senior College, Bethel Area Health Center, SAD44/Community Education and Wayne DuPlessis, counselor. Doors open 5:45 p.m. Advance registrations required, call 824-5282 by Monday noon, March 9. FMI: call Rosabelle Tift (824-2053 or Judy Whitman (824-0347).

6 to 7:30 p.m. - **Colon Cancer Program** on importance of early detection, at Harper Conference Center, Ripley Medical Building at Stephens Memorial Hospital. Free. Light refreshments served. RSVP as seating limited (743-1562 Ext 289 by March 6).

Thursday, March 12

Becky Shaw Day at Mt. Abram.
2 p.m. - **Whitman Memorial Library**, Bryant Pond, guest speaker will be Marty Elkin of Morrill Farm, Sumner, who will present program of living history from 1870s and also talk about the farm's Maple Syrup Sunday. Open to public at no charge; light refreshments served.

Church Services

ALBANY

Congregational Church - Hunts Corner, 930a.m. Sunday worship and Sunday School at 9am; Pastor Eddie Gammon. Bible Study 6:30 Thursdays at the home of Fernand Corriveau.

ANDOVER

First Congregational Church Rev. Jane Rich. Sunday morning worship 10 to 11 a.m. followed by brunch. All are welcome. FMI - 392-3761.

Calvary Bible Church - Pastor Ken Wagstaff. Sunday School 9:30 a.m.; Morning Worship Service 10:45 a.m.; Wednesday prayer meeting 6:30 p.m. Rt. 5, S. Andover. 392-1121.

BETHEL

Bethel Alliance Church- Rev. Kevin Bellinger, Pastor; Jim Rose, Youth Pastor. Sundays: Sunday school for adults and children at 9 a.m.; Worship Service at 10 a.m.; Kidz Klub (4 yrs.-5th grade) and High School Youth Group (9th-12th grade) at 5:30 p.m. Thursdays: Middle School Youth Group (6th-8th grade) at 5 p.m. For more information, call 824-2289.

Church of the Nazarene - Pastor Chuck Mason, 9:30 a.m. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. morning worship. Wednesday evening service in different locations. Call for info.. 824-4028 (voice mail) or 824-7289 FMI.

West Parish Congregational - Rev. Virginia Rickeman. 10 a.m. worship, child care available. Prayer, Tuesday, 8 a.m. FMI call 824-0650.

Our Lady of the Snows- Saturday mass at 6 p.m. Rev. Angelo Levasseur. 364-4556.

United Methodist - Geoffrey Gross, Pastor. 10:30 a.m. Sunday worship. Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.

West Bethel Union - Morning worship and 9 a.m. Sunday School. For information, call 836-3533 or 836-2882. Rev. John Williams.

Pleasant Valley Bible - Pastor Aaron McNally. Sunday Services: Sunday School, 9am; Worship Service, 10am; Ladies Bible study Tuesday, 2:30pm; Prayer meeting Tuesday 6pm; Awana clubs follow school-year calendar. FMI 836-3006 or 824-2037.

Episcopal House Church - Holy communion service the third or fourth Sunday of every month at 4 p.m. at 38 Chapman Street. For further information, call the Reverend Gwyneth Bohr at 824-2913.

Church of Christ - at home of Keith Hamel, minister, 507 Walker's Mills Road (Route 26), Bethel. Worship at 9 a.m. Sunday. 824-3577 FMI.

Seventh Day Adventist Fellowship: Meets at the Nazarene Church on Saturdays, on Church Street in Bethel. For more info, call 824-8939.

EAST STONEHAM

Oxford County United Parish Churches in Stoneham and North Waterford - Services at 10 a.m. at the North Waterford Congregational Church (UCC), located on the Five Kezars Road, off Routes 35 & 37, opposite Melby's Market. Services held at North Waterford through the winter months. Choir practice 9am, followed by Bible Study at 9:15am.

GORHAM, NH

Assembly of God - Pastor Paul Levigen. Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Sunday service

10:30 a.m., Sunday evening service 7 p.m., Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m. FMI 603-466-2651.

Gorham Congregational Church - Interim minister Rev. Kent Schneider. Sunday morning worship and church school at 10:30am. Communion is celebrated the first Sunday of each month. FMI 603-466-2136.

HARRISON

Bolster's Mills United Methodist Church - Bolster's Mills Road, Harrison. Rev. Walter R. Brown, Pastor. Sunday worship at 8:45 a.m., Church school 10:15 a.m. for kids kindergarten - grade 12. Call 583-9024 or 988-7040 for more info.

LOCKE MILLS

Locke Mills Union - Pastor Sondra With-ey. Sunday morning service will begin at 9 a.m. Bible study at the church is every Tuesday at 6:30 pm. Everyone is welcome.

MEXICO

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints- 265 Main Street. Worship Service Sundays at 10am. Pres. Peter Beeckel. 364-6881.

NEWRY

Sunday River Christian Ministry - with Rev. Don Coverdale and gospel singer Cynthia Clark. On-mountain interdenominational worship service held every Sunday during ski season. ALERT: we are now located in the Juniper Room; Jordan Grand Hotel. New time: 10:00am-11:00am. Ski-in, or take the resort shuttle from South Ridge to Jordan. For more information: 824-5896 (recording).

NORWAY/PARIS

First Church of Christ, Scientist - Sunday service 10 a.m., Wed. Testimony service 7:30 p.m. 5 Morrill Rd/Rt. 118 (catercorner to Norway Country Club), Norway. Call 824-4099 FMI or ride.

Trinity Lutheran Church - Route 117, S. Paris. Pastors Kim Marle and Tom Myhre. Sunday School at 9am; Sunday morning service 10:15 a.m. with coffee, refreshments and good fellowship. Bible Study, Wednesdays 7 p.m.

North Paris Federation- Morse Hill Road, North Paris. Sunday Service 8 a.m. Pastor Bruce Tyner. 674-2968. Slingsperation third Sunday each month alternating with West Paris Baptist Church at 7 p.m.

Oxford Hills Friends (Quakers) - Sunday worship 9:30 a.m. at HOPE Ripley Center, High Street, S. Paris across the park from the Post Office. Call Ursula Brandon at 665-2880 or Sue Reilly at 966-2012 for more information.

Christ Episcopal Church - 35 Paris St., Sunday Services 9 a.m., June-Aug.; Sunday School at 10 a.m. Informal worship at 5 p.m. Sundays. Healing service with communion 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday. Rev. Anne Stanley. Call 743-6782 for more information.

First Baptist Church of Paris - On the Common at the top of Paris Hill. 10:30 am worship service. Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. Coffee hour follows the service. Fellowship lunch held the first Sunday of each month following worship. Pastor Ron Blake.

Friday, March 13

6 p.m. - **St. Kieran Friends of the Arts St. Patrick's Day Dinner Celebration** at Town and Country Motor Inn, Shelburne, to raise funds for Arts Center programs and winter heating expenses. Tickets: \$25 (advance only, first come, first served) available at Wonderland Bookstore, Gill's Florist Shop and the Arts Center Office, 155 Emery Street, Berlin, N.H. FMI: call (603) 752-1028.

Saturday, March 14

Nordic Ski Race hosted by Bethel Inn. Also, nightly race series offered first four Wednesday evenings in March (4, 11, 18, 25). FMI: call Mike Cooper at Bethel Nordic Ski Center (824-6276 or e-mail skisop@caribourecreation.com or visit www.caribourecreation.com.

1 to 5 p.m. - **Birthday Celebration for Ivan Morey's 90th** at the American Legion Hall, Locke Mills. No gifts please. Everyone welcome.

Sunday, March 15

4 to 7 p.m. - **Bethel Performing Arts Project** hosts first community meeting at The Funky Red Barn, Summer Street, Bethel. Area performing artists as well as supporting artists and craftspeople encouraged to attend. Representatives from area businesses, churches, and organizations also urged to attend. FMI or to RSVP: performers call Lynn Arizzi (824-0508), businesses, call Ross Timberlake (824-6545).

7 p.m. - **"Rosie the Irreverent"** performed by Leah Bonnema, Maggie Champagne and Jackie Monahan and hosted by Jewel Clark at The Bethel Inn Resort Conference Center. Call 824-2175 for advanced reservations.

Monday, March 16

5:30 to 7 p.m. - **WinterFest 2010 Planning Committee** invites any interested business, community members, and organizations who would like to help to attend the first formal meeting at Rooster's Roadhouse, 159 Mayville Road (Route 2). Light refreshments available. FMI: call Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce at 824-2282.

Tuesday, March 17

7p.m. - **Black Diamond Entertainment Series:** The Airborne Comedians, jugglers, at Sunday River Ski Resort's Grand Summit Resort Hotel. Tickets: adults 13 and over \$6 advance, \$8 at door; 12 and under, \$4 advance or \$6 at door, under 5 free. FMI: call (800) 543-2SKI.

Wednesday, March 18

10 a.m. to 3 p.m. - **Central Maine Heart and Vascular Institute Wellness Van** will be at Rumford Hannaford Store. Two CMHVI health counselors will provide blood pressure checks, osteoporosis screenings, and cholesterol screenings. \$10 fee for cholesterol screening.

4 to 7:30 p.m. - **Telstar Parent-Teacher Conferences.** Parents/guardians call 824-2136, press 1, to schedule appointment.

6 p.m. - **Sassafras Market & Deli** owner/chef Chip Willets will hold a kitchen class at The Victoria Restaurant, 32 Main Street on a variety of ways to cook and prepare a fish and seafood dinner. Reservations only. Cost: \$10. Call 824-3110 by Monday noon, March 16, to reserve your place. Sponsored by To Your Health Committee of Western Mountains Senior College as part of "Healthy Eating on a Budget" program. FMI: call R. Tift at 824-2053 or J. Whitman at 824-0347.

7 p.m. - **"Climbing in Brazil"** with speaker Paul Cormier at Shelburne Town Hall, Shelburne, N.H., a presentation by Mahoosuc Land Trust as part of Local Knowledge 2009. FMI or if inclement weather, call 824-3806, e-mail info@Mahoosuc.org or visit www.Mahoosuc.org.

Thursday and Friday, March 19 and 20

Daffodil Bouquets will be on sale at Bethel Foodliner for benefit of the American Cancer Society. To pre-order or for more information, call Caroline Gould at 824-3226 by March 1. Minimum order for delivery is \$25.

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AA MEETINGS

Bethel Freedom Group's Big Book Meeting Sundays at 6pm at the United Methodist Church, Main Street.

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Bethel Freedom Group's Open Discussion Meeting. Fridays at 6pm at Bethel United Methodist Church, Main Street; and Saturdays at 4pm at Sunday River South Ridge Base Lodge, third-floor human resources conference room.

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EXCHANGES

District Exchange Community Thrift Shop accepts donations of in-season clothing in clean, wearable condition only. Drop-off hours and shopping: Monday 1-4pm, Thursday 4-6pm and Saturday, 10am-12pm.

The Woodstock Seventh Day Adventist Church Community Service Center announces that individuals or families requiring assistance with food needs in the South Woodstock, Bryant Pond, West Paris and Sumner areas are invited to call 674-2566, 674-2663, or 665-2226 to learn more details.

MENTAL ILLNESS SUPPORT GROUP

Beacon House Social Club, 150 Congress Street, Rumford, a drop-in social club for adults suffering with mental, emotional, or physical illness, provides support, relaxation, and socialization. Monday 1 to 5pm; Tuesday 9am-2pm; Wednesday 9am-8pm; Wednesday 3-8pm; Friday 2-7pm; Saturday 11am-4pm. Oxford County Mental Health Services, support for adults and children with mental illness, same location, second floor, open Monday-Friday 8am-4pm. For more information, call 364-3549 or (800) 335-9999, or in off-hours 928-3222.

POST PARTUM SUPPORT GROUP

"Meet the Midwives" meets from 5-6:30 every first Tuesday of the month, and the Post Partum Support Group meets every fourth Wednesday of the month from 6:30-7:30. The meetings take place at Blue Moon Midwives, 176 Main Street, Norway, directly across from Stephen's Memorial Hospital. For more information, call 207-739-2800 or visit www.bluemoonmidwives.com

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Rape Education and Crisis Hotline 1-800-871-7741. Sexual assault/sexual abuse hotline, same number. Support groups and awareness education, past or present victims of abuse.

VETERANS' SERVICES (STATE/VA BENEFITS)

Maine Veterans Home, S. Paris, first Wednesday each month, 9-12 noon (743-6300); Career Center in Rumford (364-3718), second Thursday 9-12 noon; Lewiston (795-4590), 29 Westminster St., 7:30am to 4pm, Monday thru Friday, Location: Monday-Sunday School 2:45-4:15pm. Tel. 392-4841.

Library Hours

Andover Library: Tuesday, Wednesday, and Saturday 1-4:30 pm; Thursday 1-4:30 & 6-8 pm. Tel: 392-4841

Bethel Library: Monday 9-1; Tuesday 1-5; Wednesday 1-8; Thursday & Friday 1-5 Saturday, 9-1. Story Hour Mondays, 10-11 am October to May. Michelle Conroy, Librarian. 824-2520.

Hamlin Memorial Library, Paris Hill: Tuesday-Friday 11:30-5:30 Saturday 10-2; Wednesday evening, 7-9 pm. Tel. 743-2980

Whitman Memorial Library, Bryant Pond: Tel. 665-2505. Tuesday 1:30-5; Thursday 1:30-7.

West Paris Library, West Paris: Monday 1:30-6; Wednesday 1:30-7; Friday 1:30-6; Saturday 10-2. Patty Makley, Librarian. 674-2004

Gardner Roberts Memorial Library, Hanover: Wednesday, 9-3.

Upton Library: Wednesday, 2-6, Children's Hour 1-2; Saturday 2-4.

Items for the Community Calendar may be brought to The Bethel Citizen Office, mailed in or phoned in at 824-2444. The Deadline is Monday at Noon.

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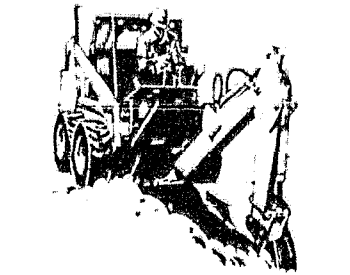
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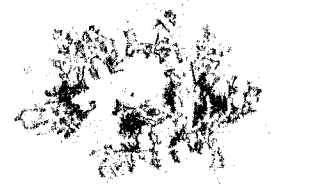
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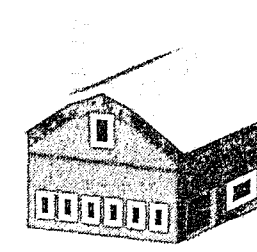
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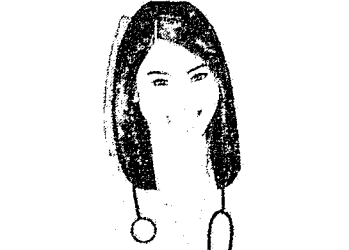
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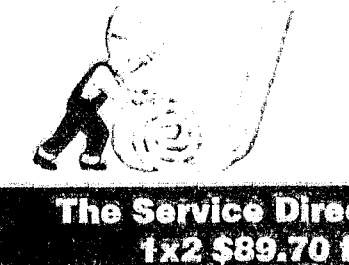
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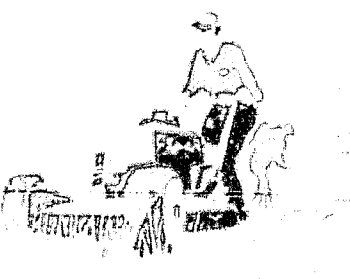
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Hannibal Hamlin, one of Oxford County's own sons, who was born on Paris Hill. Mr. Hamlin led a distinguished life in public service, having served in the Maine Legislature, the U.S. Senate, Vice-President and Minister to Spain.

A special recognition was paid to Norman K. Ferguson of Hanover. He was honored as one of the most distinguished political leaders of Oxford County. Norm has served the people of Oxford County as a County Commissioner, and the people of Maine as a State Senator. He has been a tireless leader with an exemplary record of service to the party, the state and the country.

The celebration was attended by a number of local and state officials, including National Committeeman Rick Bennett, State Legislators Sawin Millett and Jarrod Crockett and County Commissioners Caldwell Jackson, Steve Merrill and David Duguay. Diane Jackson and Carlene Tremblay delivered greetings and messages from U.S. Senators Olympia Snowe and Susan Collins.

The evening's festivities

concluded with an auction, a raffle and a rousing rendition of "God Bless America." A grand time was had by all who attended.

From Bethel Historical Society's Regional History Center

To celebrate "Women's History Month," the Bethel Historical Society will be offering a seminar with several presenters on Saturday, March 28, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the O'Neil Robinson House, 10 Broad Street in Bethel.

Society Executive Director Stanley R. Howe will speak briefly on four women who made contributions to local and regional history, including Eva Bean, who published her local history "East Bethel Road" in 1959 and Ruth Crosby, who wrote two books with local history themes, "I Was a Summer Boarder," published in 1966 and "From an Old Leather Trunk," which appeared in 1974.

Also included in Howe's presentation will be Joan S. Kilborn's "Over the Horizon," which contains an insightful section on Bethel

town characters, and Erma Thurston Young's "Yesterday and Today," which offers some useful observations on the local past.

Catherine Newell, author of a biographical pamphlet published by the society on Molly Ockett, will discuss her subject and how she came to research and write this life story.

Finally, Kent Taylor, who grew up in Bethel, graduated from Gould Academy and Bates College with advanced studies at a number of universities, will speak on longtime Bethel resident, Pearl Ashby Tibbetts, whose historical novel, "Land Under Heaven," published in 1937, was set in her native Aroostook County. He will also discuss another novel by Mrs. Tibbetts that was never published, but does contain numerous insights into life in small New England towns.

This workshop is open to anyone interested at a nominal fee of \$5 for Bethel Historical Society members and \$10 for nonmembers. High school and university students may attend without charge. To register, please call the society office at 824-2908 or (800) 824-2910 or send an e-mail to: info@bethelhistorical.org. Another Bethel Historical

Society seminar celebrating the bicentenary of Abraham Lincoln's birth in 1809 will be held on Saturday, April 18, at the O'Neil Robinson House from 2 to 4 p.m. Society Director Stanley R. Howe, who has been collecting books and other memorabilia on the U.S. presidency for over thirty-five years, will lead a discussion on Lincoln in general and in particular on his relationship with New England and New Englanders. Not only was his first vice president from New England, but a number of his key advisers and several of his friends were New Englanders. In addition, his favorite humorist was a native of Waterford, Maine. He traveled to New England on a number of occasions and told humorous stories about New Englanders. A large number of biographies and studies relating to Lincoln will be on display. The workshop is open to anyone interested at a nominal fee of \$5 for Bethel Historical Society members and \$10 for nonmembers. High school and university students may attend without charge. To register, please call the society office at 824-2908 or (800) 824-2910 or send an e-mail to: info@bethelhistorical.org. Courses, seminars, lectures,

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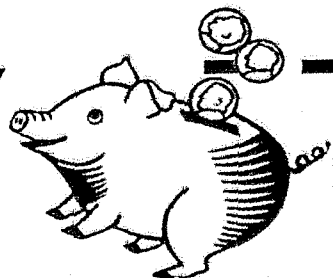
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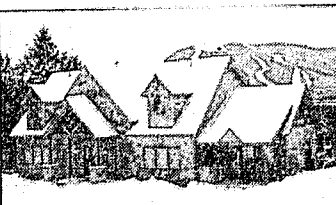
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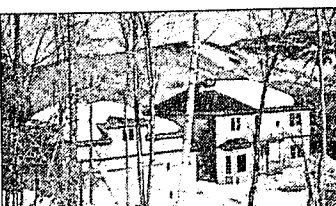
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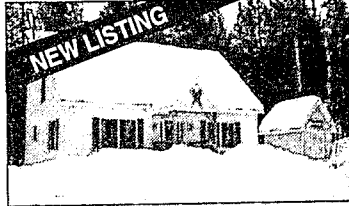
274 Douglass Rd, Newry: Spectacular custom-built log home in the Powder Ridge neighborhood, with panoramic views of Sunday River's slopes. Features include 2 fireplaces, master suite, hot tub, deck, finished daylight basement, and attached 3-car garage. \$679,000



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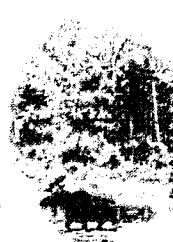
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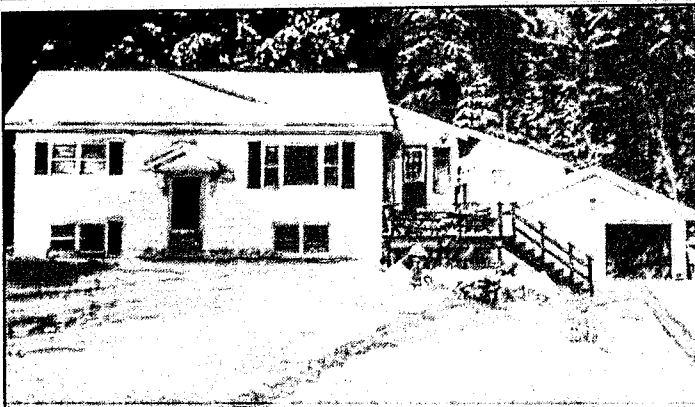
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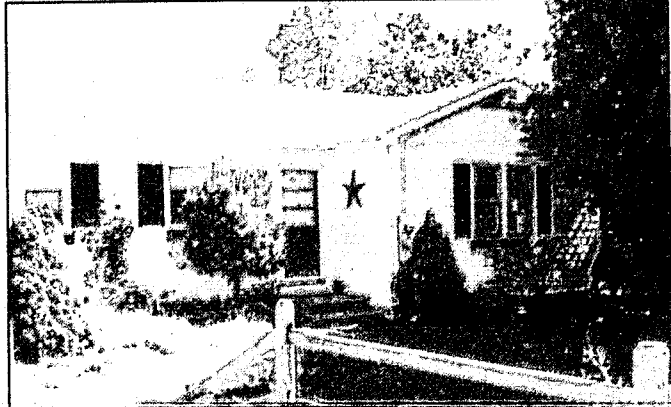
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5 BEAR POINT RD., BETHEL \$249,999
• 3 Bedroom, 2 Bath
• Open Floor Plan
• Large Windows With River View
• 2 BR - 2 Bath, 200' Waterfront
• Wood Fireplace
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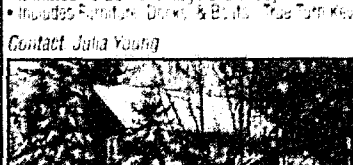
534 SONGO POND RD., BETHEL \$359,000
• Four Season Cottage On Crystal Pond
• Charming 1 1/2 story 3 BR, 2 Bath
• 125' Ft Water Frontage, 2 1/2 - Acres
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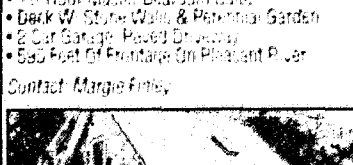
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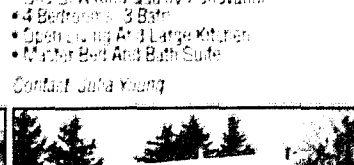
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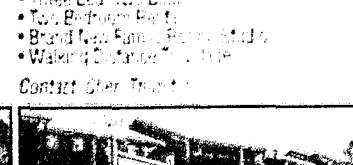
20 PARK ST., BETHEL \$339,000
• Bethel Village, The Row
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12 HOLT HILL RD., BETHEL \$212,000
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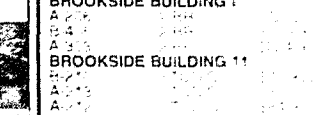
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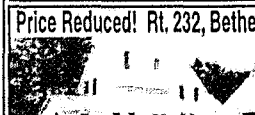
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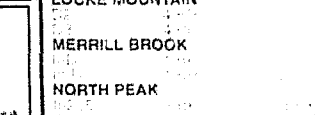
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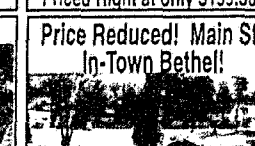
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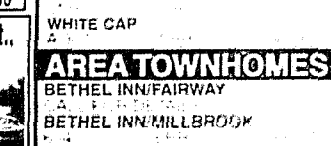
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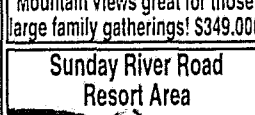
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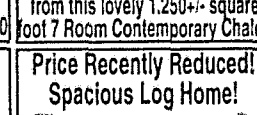
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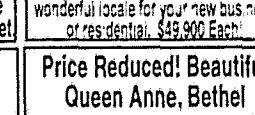
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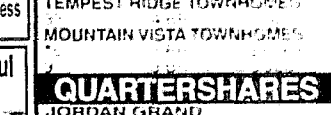
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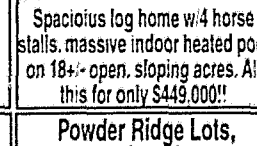
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Stately Victorian located in historic district on 18th Farway! \$749,000!



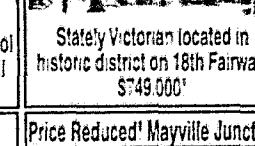
Price Reduced! Mayville Junction
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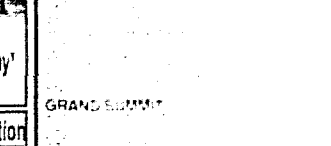
Commercial Potential - Mayville Rd/Rt. 2
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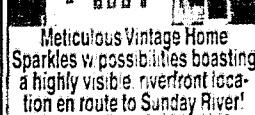
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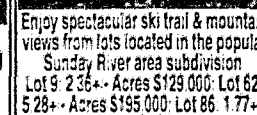
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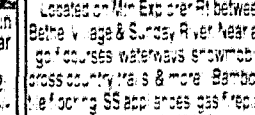
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The family of Arlene Greenleaf Brown extends their thanks to family, friends and neighbors for their kindness and support during her hospitalization and at the time of her death. All of the prayers, cards and notes, phone calls, food and flowers were very much appreciated. Special thanks to the wonderful staff at Stephens Memorial Hospital for the compassionate care they provided. We are also very grateful to our cousins Joan Greenleaf and Sondra Withey for the home, as well as to the ladies of the Methodist Church for providing refreshments and a place to gather following the service. The numerous charitable donations that have been made in her name are much appreciated.

60 Years Celebrated



A surprise 60th Wedding Anniversary supper was held for Clayton and Lola Crockett of Bethel at the Chicken Coop in Mexico.

They were married on February 19, 1949.

There were 21 family members who were able to attend. All enjoyed the meal and the get-together.

Births

Kathryn Scelzo and Casey Newell of Norway are pleased to announce the arrival of a baby boy, Grayson James Newell, born Feb. 2, 2009 at Stephens Memorial Hospital, weighing 6 pounds, 12 ounces.

Maternal grandparent is Mary McLaughlin of South Paris.

Paternal grandparents are Elaine and David Newell of West Paris.

Grayson James joins a brother, Brady, age 5.

Danielle Henley and Zachary Hatstat of Greenwood are pleased to announce the arrival of a baby girl, Brooklyn May Hatstat, born on Feb. 8, 2009 weighing 8 pounds, 13 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Cori and Art Henley of Greenwood.

Paternal grandparents are Tammy Grenier and Richard Hatstat of Greenwood and Albany.

Adam and Angela Craig of Auburn, Wash., are proud to announce the birth of their son, Austin Daniel, on Jan. 10, 2009. Austin weighed 7 pounds, 3 ounces.

Austin joins a sister, Ava Marie, age 2 1/2.

Maternal grandparents are Rhonda and Tom Strenski of Green Bay, Wis., and the late Donald Kluth.

Paternal grandparents are Dewaine and Sarah Craig of Arlington, Wash., formerly of Bethel, Maine and great-grandparents are Darlene Craig of Orrington, Maine and the late George Craig.

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Richards — Bennett

The children and families of Courtney Jeanne Richards and Michael Roy Bennett are pleased to announce their engagement.

Courtney is the daughter of Tom and Jean Richards of Oxford and Michael is the son of Don and Cheryl Bennett of Bethel.

Courtney is a 1992 graduate of Oxford Hills High School and Michael is a 1990 graduate of Telstar Regional High School.

Courtney and Michael were engaged on Dec. 20, 2008 and reside in Bethel together with their children, Catelynn and Ryan Bennett and Cyle, Colby and Cayley Marriott. The couple is planning a May 29, 2010 wedding at the Bethel Inn Resort in Bethel.

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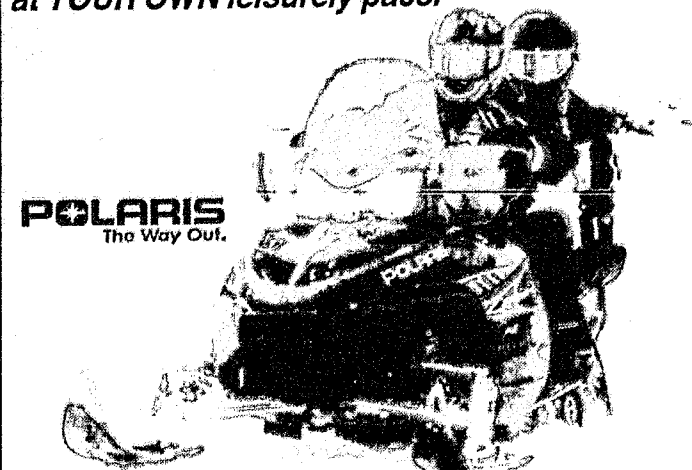
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